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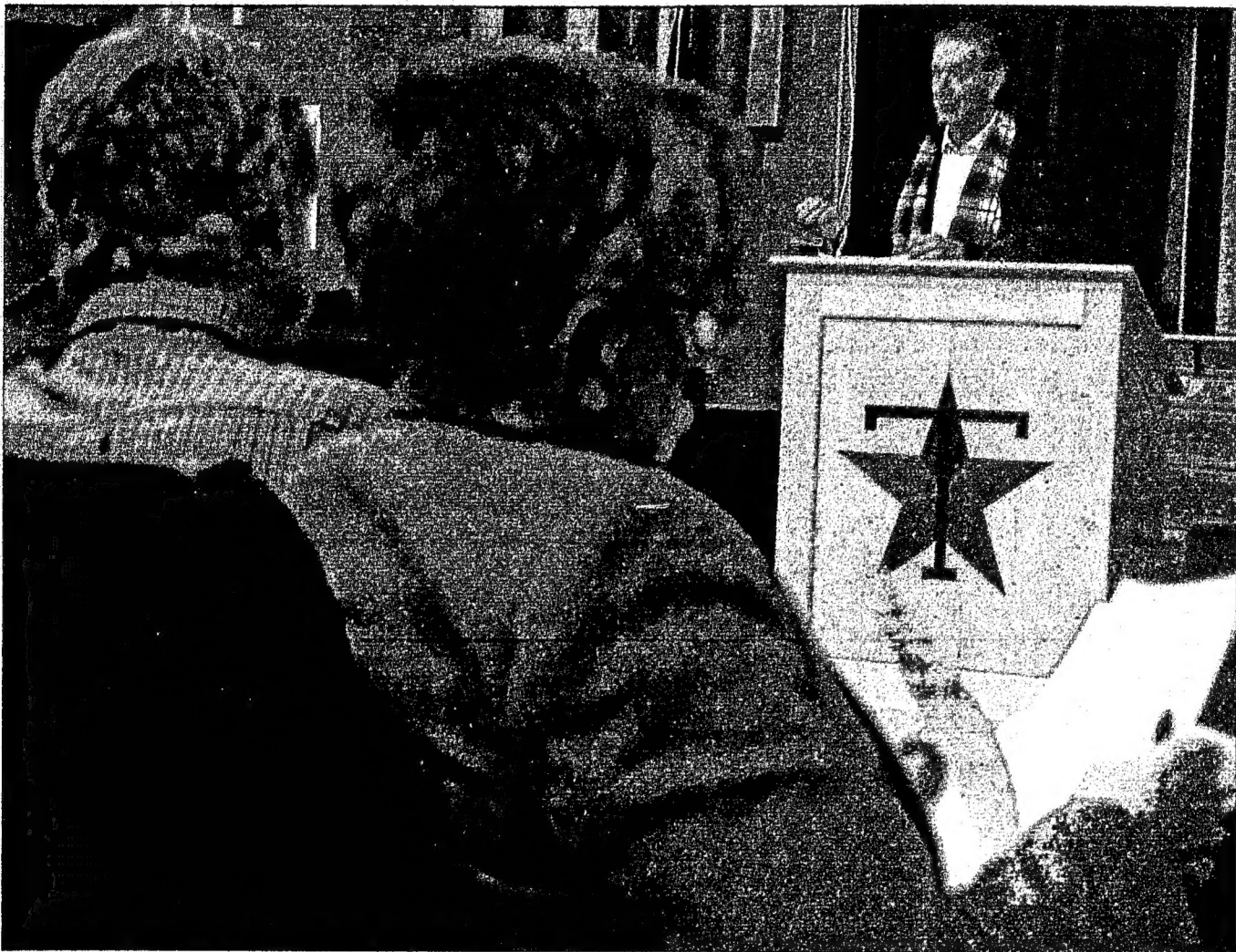
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Canada makes the case for dilbit oil



At last week's public forum on diluted bitumen (dilbit or "tar sands") oil at Telstar High School Patrick Binns, the Consul General of Canada for New England, defended his country's dilbit oil industry. Seated in the foreground are local dilbit opponents Ken Hotopp (left) and Seabury Lyon. Binns is a former premier of Prince Edward Island and Canada's former ambassador to Ireland. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

\$68,000 not enough to keep AES open

By ALISON ALOISIO

On Tuesday Andover offered to pay SAD 44 \$68,000 next year to keep the Andover Elementary School open, in the event the town stays in the district.

The School Board said "no," and instead asked for \$140,000 by April 22.

Now Andover selectmen are working to call a special town meeting to ask for more money.

Without the money Andover could eventually face a bill of approximately \$200,000 to keep the school open, should SAD 44 vote formally later this spring to close the school.

Andover voters had approved the \$68,000 offer at their town meeting March 16. Last year SAD 44 accepted that figure for the same purpose.

But this year, said some directors in debate before Tuesday's board vote, the

district faces a greater financial challenge.

Supt. Dave Murphy provided estimates showing SAD 44 could be \$300,000 in the hole compared to last year, as a result of losses in state funds.

Director Marcel Polak of Woodstock said he wished there had been dialogue between the town and the board prior to the vote regarding what might be an acceptable figure.

He said he preferred keeping AES open, "but I don't feel this is enough. I have to be responsible for all the taxpayers, and ultimately it is the other taxpayers and the other students, as a result, that are going to have to pay in some other fashion to subsidize and keep Andover open," he said.

Several other directors

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Woodstock won't make Mollyockett contribution; OKs wind ordinance

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock voters Monday said "no" to giving \$1,596 to support what Arla Patch called an effort to change attitudes about Native Americans through the annual Mollyockett Days event in Bethel.

They also turned down a fireworks ordinance amendment, but approved property maintenance ordinance amendments and (barely) approved a new wind ordinance.

Mollyockett Days
The Mollyockett funds were requested by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the 55-year-old celebration. Patch, who has been active in other work to raise awareness of Na-

tive American issues, presented the proposal to town meeting voters.

She said BACC is changing the event to make it more respectful, and also wants to draw in the larger region where the Native American Mollyockett lived in the 1800s.

"We are not going to have a parade with a girl who's dressed up pretending she's an Indian, with a costume and waving to everybody," said Patch.

Plans call for more involvement by native peoples and their art, music and other culture, in order to make them more visible and a part of the larger community.

But that plan is more expensive, Patch said, and

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Bethel petitioner seeks re-vote on "tar sands"

By ALISON ALOISIO

After two hours of presentations and debate by oil pipeline officials and their opponents last Thursday about the possible flow of diluted bitumen ("tar sands") crude oil through the Bethel area, resident Bud Kulik reached a conclusion.

"I've heard absolutely nothing tonight that says that Bethel made an informed, intelligent decision at the last town meeting," he said. "It needs to be looked at again."

With that, Kulik set out to gather petition signatures to again bring to a town vote a resolution that opposes the possible flow of diluted bitumen from Alberta, Canada, through the Portland-Montreal Pipe Line.

One-sided
In January the resolution was overwhelmingly approved at a special town meeting. But that vote was taken after only the views

of diluted bitumen (dilbit) opponents had been presented. The meeting cut short debate and prevented oil industry officials who were present from speaking.

Last week's public forum was called to give them a chance to present their case, albeit after the fact.

Only about 15 to 20 Bethel area residents turned out, and their numbers were nearly matched by the oil industry representatives. But there were some pointed exchanges over the risks involved, the jobs at stake on both sides, and the intent of voters at the January meeting.

The January resolution claimed there are higher risks of oil spills from dilbit pipelines, and it expressed concern about local economic impacts should dilbit oil spill from a section of the PMPL pipeline that crosses the Androscoggin River. The

document also asked for strict environmental impact reviews of pipelines proposed to carry dilbit, and generally supported a shift toward cleaner fuels.

When the pipeline officials got their chance to have the floor last week Larry Wilson, CEO/president of the Portland-Montreal Pipe Line, quickly offered his take on the January meeting.

"When we came before, there was a very large crowd of people who had been brought into the meeting. We were not allowed to speak ... We believe you passed a resolution that was based on a lot of pressure that was put on you. There's mistruth and exaggeration and rhetoric in that resolution."

He went on to explain why PMPL might consider the transport of dilbit oil in its line, which runs through Waterford, Albany, Bethel and Gilead.

Of two pipelines owned by the company, he said, only a 24-inch diameter one is currently in use. An 18-inch one is not.

"One of these pipelines is empty," he said. "That's because the business has gone away."

He said the Shell Oil Company shut down a refinery in Montreal in 2010 and only one line is now needed to carry oil from Portland to Montreal.

"There are no guarantees that we'll be able to continue to do what we do today exactly the way we do it," he said. "We have to be open-minded to other opportunities that are safe for our system and that's what we're trying to do."

In response to an observation on the large turn-out of oil industry representatives, Wilson said, "We think it's important that our neighbors understand that these people [dilbit opponents], whose

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"Connections" is mantra at cross-country conclave

By Scott Andrews
Special to the Citizen

Connecting Nordic ski trails and forming connections among businesses, nonprofit groups and other interested parties were parallel themes that dominated last week's broad-based discussion of the fu-

ture of cross-country skiing in the region.

Twenty-eight people, representing both business and recreational interests in the sport, gathered March 20 at the Bethel Inn to begin a "visioning process." The two-hour meeting was facilitated by Amy Scott of the Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative.

In accord with Scott's published agenda, no grandiose plan or announcement emerged, but broad consensus appeared to form on several key points. The only concrete

result that was announced was to continue the visioning process.

Mahoosuc Pathways was designated the key organization in the effort to expand and link the region's cross-country trail system. Several ad hoc committees were created to explore economic and recreational aspects of the issue.

The need for the visioning process underscores the changing nature of the business of cross-country skiing in the Bethel area.

A decade ago, three commercial fee-based cross-country centers served skiers: at the in-town Bethel Inn, at Carter's Farm on the Middle Intervale Road and at the Sunday River Inn in Newry. Gould Academy also has a trail network that is connected to the Bethel Inn's. Local skiers also use in-

Citizen profiles:

Sisters of Jades Salon

By Deborah Rafford
Special to the Citizen

Sisters don't always get along well enough to work together, but that's not the case at Jades Salon, in Bethel. Jane Goddard and Deborah Luxton used the first two letters of their names to give their hair salon its name. That was 19 years ago.

Growing up in a family of three girls in Hanover and Andover, Debby, Cindy and Jane were close. Debby and Cindy went to the one-room schoolhouse in Andover where they were able to work with the younger kids when their own work was done. It was like tutoring, and the kids loved it, as did the older kids. "We also got to go home for lunch," said Debby. By the time Jane went to school, hot lunches were provided.

The girls all went to Rumford High School. Daughters to dad Ken, and mom, Gen Goddard, Dad worked in Oxford Paper Co., now NewPage. Gen was a head nurse for Dr. Royal's office

in Rumford, after working at the hospital and doing private nursing.

"Mom and Dad always made summers fun, camping at Littlefield Beaches," said Jane. "We would go over on Memorial Day and get set up, then we would move over as soon as school closed for summer vacation." They did the "true" camping, setting up a tent, using a gas stove and a propane tank. "We even had an icebox," she said. We always were doing something as a family, whether it was camping, fishing or ice skating.

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Letters

"TAR SANDS" CONCERNS

To the Editor:

Bethel held a Public Forum on 3/21/13 to discuss the pros and cons of the Tar Sands Oil (TSO) issue relative to the Portland-Montreal pipeline (PMPL) that passes through our region. Fifteen people representing oil interests and a Canadian government official attended. The event revealed that TSO opponents are dealing with a wily adversary who questions our motives at every opportunity.

Listed below are 10 factors that fully justify our concerns and demands for a new, comprehensive review of the entire pipeline project:

1. Tar Sands Oil, a.k.a. "TSO" a.k.a. "dilbit" (Diluted Bitumen), must be diluted up to 50 percent with Natural Gas Distillates to make it liquid enough to pump through pipelines.
2. PMPL claims that resulting TSO is no different than "normal" heavy crudes. That is clearly false because normal crudes don't require the kind of dilution TSO does.
3. The TSO diluents include some nasty chemicals, including Butane, Hexane, Octane, Toluene, Benzene, etc. Some are proven carcinogens and flammables. The exact mix may never be known to us so that we can protect ourselves appropriately, because it's classified as a "Trade Secret," just as fracking fluids are. We think that's plain wrong.

4. A million-plus gallon TSO spill into the Kalamazoo River in 2010 is still not cleaned up 32 months later. That's because there is no proven technology capable of doing the job, anywhere. A look at the MI State spill response document shows it to be adequate for "normal crudes" and lighter oils such as heating and diesel fuels - but not TSO because uniquely, when diluents evaporate (in hours), TSO sinks to the bottom and sticks. Many miles of that river remain polluted despite industry assertions and over 130 uninhabitable homes and businesses are being bought up by the oil companies.
5. Similar spill response deficiencies exist in the New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine spill response documents and may exist in other states we have not checked.
6. A Kalamazoo-type spill anywhere into a local river or tributary would instantly render it - and all downstream activities or businesses dependent on the resource - unsuitable for human activity for many months or years.

7. Short- and long-term health and safety impacts on Kalamazoo, MI, people and environmental entities are still being determined, but early medical indications and the MSDS data sheets for the diluents indicate that health impacts could be significant.
8. Our area is heavily dependent on and aggressively marketing our "Quality Of Place." Many businesses, including our new Gem & Mineralogy Museum have made significant investment in that effort because a Brookings Institute study recommended it as our best bet for regional economic recovery.
9. As a partner in a small business located on the Androscoggin River, I sought quotes for coverage in the event of a spill. It may be new ground because two underwriters have not yet provided quotes. I suggest other landowners and businesses inquire similarly to local realty and insurance people. Judging by the delays seen in the Gulf Coast and Kalamazoo spills, we could have zero income for many months - or years. Visitor traffic drop-off would be catastrophic and enduring.

10. We're growing more negative with every day of evasion, distortion and tricks by the Dilbit industry including the KXL pipeline. We are not getting proper information on the extent of potential risks, nor are thousands of concerned folks in towns all along the pipelines. It's good to know that we are not alone in this.

We are further alarmed by recent news that those in our government who review permit documentation are doing a bad job of looking after our interests and are not truly "independent" organizations. As concerned American citizens we deserve and demand better than that. Considering the above, perhaps we can be forgiven when we view potential impacts on our well-being with concern and skepticism.

A good result from all this is that we and many towns from Portland Maine to Montreal learn to work effectively together to preserve and protect ourselves from threats to our communities and our future generations.

Seabury Lyon
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. The deadline is 4:30 p.m. Monday.

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NOT ALL DOG PARK ISSUES COVERED

To the Editor:

In reading the online news item in the Lewiston Sun, it would appear according to the selectmen that everything is covered on the proposed dog park. I don't quite see it that way.

I didn't see anything addressing the following issues in the article regarding the following:

1. Liability insurance
1. Who is going to cover a dog's injuries should one dog decide to destroy another? Is the person going to sue the town for damages that occurred to their dog or to the loss of the dog?
2. Who is going to cover a person's injuries should a dog decide to injure/bite someone because they got in between two dogs fighting to separate them? Do they recover their losses through the insurance the town holds?
3. Who is going to police this area so that the age limit is adhered to?
4. Who is going to police what dog has been inoculated and what dog hasn't?
5. Who is going to police this requirement for dogs traveling through the area and someone wants to let their pet out for some exercise?

6. Also, based on the sample ballot in the Lewiston paper the day before this article I question the way it is written as everything being a donation. This is typical political writing to get the townspeople of Bethel to vote on this because of this being a donation. Nothing is ever a simple donation. Why can't the question simply read "Do the voters of Bethel want to approve the construction of a dog park currently being proposed as a donated project, knowing that this project will inevitably have some type of town responsibility?" In this way it is simply stated and easy to understand. People get tired of reading articles to vote on that don't state the question in simple English.

People say they want their dogs to socialize. Well how do people socialize? They go to bars, they go to churches, they go to functions, restaurants, etc. In all of these places where people socialize the property is owned by private citizens. But now you say what about the town-owned skateboard park. Well although the skateboard park is town-owned property, this park is for kids and adults, who walk their dogs on leashes and is supported through taxpayers. Their tax dollars support this park so their children will have a place to go. This is an investment in our children's future and the town should have something for our future citizens. If people want their dogs to socialize then I suggest a private citizen donate their land or the dog committee buy a piece of land and build their dog park for the socialization of their dogs. This way, they do not have to go through all this rigamarole and go to town meeting to be voted on.

And on one another note, Steve Wight wants to know just what is the problem? Has he not been reading the Citizen and all the letters or is he just oblivious to the fact that there are people in this town that do not want this park.

Lastly but not least, if you can't find a place to walk your dog on your own then perhaps you shouldn't have one.

Jane Ryerson
Bethel

LOCAL FOOD SURVEY

To the Editor:

The Local Food Connection (LFC) is an organization building a sustainable movement in the greater Bethel region that encourages people to grow, prepare, serve, purchase and consume local foods. In the Fall of 2012, LFC conducted a survey of area residents asking about their food habits and priorities. Over 120 people responded from throughout SAD 44. We are delighted to share with you some of the results and highlights of this survey.

The first survey question revealed that over 90 percent of respondents find nutrition to be very important or important when purchasing food. Nutrition carried more weight than whether food was organic or easy to prepare. When asked whether eating local foods was a priority in survey households, nearly 80 percent said yes. Delving further into local food habits, respondents stated that local foods were important or very important and should be served at home (84 percent), in restaurants (75 percent), at local grocery and specialty food stores (95 percent and 85 percent) and in school lunches (87 percent). Many people are already serving local foods in their homes simply by growing food on their own. Seventy-six percent of respondents have their own garden plots.

Clearly there is a need for local, nutritious food to be served in schools and available in local markets. What can one do to help? Consider coming to an upcoming Local Food Connection meeting. Join a local food buying club such as the Boondocks Buying Club or any number of Associated Buyers clubs in the area. Talk to people at your local market, restaurants and schools about getting better access to nutritious, local food. Talk to your elected officials about impending food legislation. This issue is about more than just choice; we as a community need to step forward to include local foods in our schools, markets and homes. The Local Food Connection is reaching out to towns and organizations in Oxford County to replicate a similar survey in other communities. On behalf of The Local Food Connection thank you to all who participated in the survey and feel free to contact me with any interest or questions. Gabe.perkins@gmail.com or (207) 217-7262.

Gabe Perkins
Bethel

CONGRATULATIONS TO SEN. KING

To the Editor:

Our Senator Angus King showed his independence from Big Oil money this past week as he stood up for us against the Keystone XL pipeline plan.

The KXL would send some of the dirtiest oil on the planet from Alberta, Canada, to the Gulf Coast so it can be shipped overseas.

Burning all of the tar sands oil would come at an enormous cost to our global climate, and therefore our economy, health, and security.

Reducing the use of oil and other fossil fuels is a critical step in moving us to a clean energy economy, and a brighter future for our kids.

We are also glad that Senator King has joined Representatives Mike Michaud and Chellie Pingree in supporting an in-depth federal review of any new plans to pipe tar sands oil through Maine and New England.

Congratulations to Senator King for one of the most important decisions he's made yet for Mainers and all Americans!

Jean and Brendon Bass, Bethel; Rick Churchill, Newry; Jacquelyn and Al Cressy, Bethel; Nancy and Mac Davis, Albany Twp; Jo and Dan Elliott, Rumford; Kate and Jonathan Goldberg, Bethel; Robin Gorrell and Ken Hotopp, Newry; Cathy Heffernan, Bethel; Lorrie and Mike Hoeh, Bethel; Marie and Steve Keane, Bethel; Sharon and Seabury Lyon, Bethel; Suzanne and Bruce Pierce, Newry; Bonnie Pooley, Bethel; Martha and Kirk Siegel, Albany Twp; Kara Masters Siekman and Todd Siekman, Bethel and Islesboro; Elizabeth and Jonathan Smith, Bethel; Sarah Southam, Bethel; Beth Weisberg and Wade Kavanaugh, Albany Twp; Roger Zimmerman, Bethel

REMEMBERING KAY MCMILLIN

To the Editor:

The recent death of Kay McMillin brings back numerous memories of a very dedicated community volunteer who left a notable legacy of service to the greater Bethel area. She quietly helped countless individuals through her church and as a deeply committed animal lover devoted much time to their care and comfort. On every occasion I saw her, she always asked about my cat and we were off with our varied animal stories and experiences.

I will greatly miss seeing Kay and sharing with her the adventures of my beloved feline and how much he appreciates obedient people.

Stan Howe
Bethel

DAFFODIL DAYS THANKS

To the Editor:

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2013 American Cancer Society Daffodil Days a great success. Thanks to the businesses and individuals who pre-ordered bouquets, potted bulbs and the Boyd's Bears. "Gifts of Hope" (a daffodil bouquet) were appreciated by individuals in the Bethel area who are dealing with illness. "Bear Hugs" (a bear and daffodils) will be given to children who are in treatment for cancer. Bouquets were delivered to Bethel area people who are in nursing homes.

Thanks to everyone who purchased daffodils at the Bethel Foodliner. I am grateful to the volunteers who sold flowers at the store and the Foodliner staff who help us every year.

Dave Freiday won the 2013 Boyd's Bear, "Ray O'Hope."

Carolyn V. Gould
Coordinator, Bethel Area Daffodil Days

"Celladore" can be found on Page 16 this week.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Cheryl Elliot was promoted to branch operations manager of Northeast Bank's Bethel Branch.

Mt. Abram Family Resort was wrapping up a strong season, reporting an increase of more than 30 percent in skier visits and revenue.

Deaths: Carleton E. Wight, Kevin E. Brown.

20 years ago: About 150 people enjoyed Maine Maple Sunday at Keith and Shirley Hodsdon's Running Brook Farm in West Bethel. Tim and Jo-Ann Korhonen provided sleigh rides into the sugarbush.

Marilyn Hutchins was promoted to Manager of Key Bank's Bethel branch.

Births: Elek Price Pew, Cody K. Curtis.

Deaths: Gertrude B. Harrington, Mary L. Cole.

30 years ago: Roger Smith and Eric Hastings were the overall winners of the annual Pole, Paddle and Paw race.

Births: Adam Glen Parker, Chad Barrett, Ryan Lewis Lichtenstein.

Deaths: Mrs. (Ruth) Marion Mayhew, Clarence Todd, Richard J. Pitts, Ervin Z. Mills.

40 years ago: The Bethel Auxiliary of the Rumford Community Hospital held a "Spring Fling" cabaret-style Charity Ball at the Gould Gym.

The Telstar Chem Study class at Telstar entertained sixth graders from Woodstock and Andover demonstrating "magic" acts and explaining the scientific principals behind each reaction.

Birth: Dawn Marie Melchin.

Deaths: Mrs. Alice L. Millett, William R. Crossbie.

50 years ago: The apartment house of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sweetser and their "Harvey's Restaurant" next door were destroyed by fire.

Alan Curtis, 14, was injured when he fell from a Riverside Farms milk truck.

Birth: Robert John Ferguson.

Deaths: Lester Irvine, Edwin R. Morrill, Robert T. Clough, LeRoy J. Abbott.

60 years ago: A Boy Scout Father and Son Banquet was held at the Masonic Hall. Merit badges were presented and a movie about Camp Hinds was shown.

A few robins had been seen on Grover Hill, and two butterflies and two robins were seen in Sunday River.

Births: Wilfred Thomas Coolidge, Russell Arnold Smith, Peter Schutt Iles.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Parment, Rev. Lauri P. Meattinen, Robert E. Shaw, Mrs. Onelda M. Davis.

70 years ago: Bethel's Red Cross quota was \$1460.00.

Aircraft recognition course was being held at Bryant Pond. Fifteen hours of classroom work spread over a period of seven weeks was the schedule.

80 years ago: Ray Lisherness, proprietor of Maple Inn, took down the stable at the rear of that property preparatory to building a garage.

Deaths: Mrs. Hannah Morgan, Mrs. Mae Howard.

90 years ago: Gould Academy held its second annual indoor interclass track meet in the William Bingham Gym.

A blizzard struck Bethel dropping the mercury several degrees below zero.

A hundred-foot barn belonging to Eldon Peterkin was blown down.

Death: Edwin R. Briggs.

100 years ago: J. H. McGregor of Rumford was awarded the contract for the proposed water supply from Mt. Zircon. The contract called for about four miles of pipe, estimated cost, \$150,000.

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heart I know they feel is in the right place, are going after our jobs."

Several oil officials presented information on safety measures and monitoring systems that are in place to prevent and detect problems. They also cited PMPL's safety record and awards the company has received.

Ken Brown, PMPL engineering manager, responded to claims that the heavy dilbit crude must be transported under higher pressure and temperatures than conventional crude, and is more likely to damage pipes because of its composition.

Brown said heavier oils that PMPL transports flow at slower rates, but at the same pressure as other oils. The oil is not heated for transport, he said, and averages 60 degrees - 40 in winter and 80 in summer.

[According to the Trans-Canada pipeline company website, dilbit is transported at similar pressures to other heavy crudes and is not heated. The average temperature is given as 98 degrees Fahrenheit.]

Brown also cited a recently-released draft environmental impact study from the U.S. State Department on the proposed Keystone pipeline, which if approved would carry dilbit from Alberta to Texas. The study said characteristics of dilbit and conventional oils are "generally comparable."

"Wasted time" Opponents of dilbit oil were granted equal time to make their case.

Responding to the pipeline presentation on safety, conservation biologist Ken Hotopp of Newry wondered if the pipeline officials "actually read the resolution that was passed in Bethel." He said it doesn't talk about higher pressure, temperature or corrosion in the pipes. "So a lot of your time was wasted," he said. "[The resolution] talks about the bigger picture ... There's lots of good reasons for us locally to oppose tar sands, that don't have to do with your safety record."

He said, for instance, there have been impacts on wildlife and water quality in Alberta. He also said there are implications for climate change. Dilbit is a "dirty fuel," Hotopp said, because it takes more energy to get it out of the ground than does conventional crude.

He acknowledged stopping dilbit from flowing through Maine would not have a significant global impact.

"No individual pipeline that carries tar sands would have a huge impact on climate change, but collectively there's a lot

of carbon in the ground up there [in Alberta]," he said. "If we burn that oil and throw carbon dioxide into the air, on top of what we're already burning, we're sure to create catastrophic climate change."

As for the impact on pipeline jobs, Hotopp said he was "entertained by the idea that you think your jobs are more important than our jobs and the jobs of the people who live and work on the rivers all the way from Montreal to Portland, and the fishermen in Casco Bay."

He also said the resolution is not asking for a change in current use of the existing pipeline, only that it not carry dilbit.

Hotopp also took issue with the oil officials' terminology in discussing oil accidents.

"I notice you guys have really gotten your act together and nobody says 'oil spill' anymore," he said. "You talk about incidents. But it's an oil spill. That's something that could be very serious for a little town like Bethel. It could be fatal for our economy. You can't make the risk totally go away."

Another opponent of dilbit, Seabury Lyon of Bethel, responded to Wilson's view on the January town meeting.

"We didn't bring in all kinds of people," said Lyon. "We put a notice in the newspaper to say this is the issue, and there are some good people working on it. We're trying to find out as best we can the facts on this issue and present it to you."

He said no one was happy the officials were cut out of the discussion at the meeting. "But we feel what was said should not be lost on you all," he said.

Other views In a question-and-answer period, others offered their opinions.

Bob Chadbourne of Bethel supported the pipeline. He said it crosses his land in three towns, for a total distance of about four miles. He acknowledged there could possibly be environmental impacts, "but from watching them through my lifetime, I'm not concerned but what they'll address it in a very responsible manner, if they exist."

He also said the company has a lot of money invested in its infrastructure, and "they're not going to be pumping something through there that's going to damage it."

Patrick Binns, Canada's Consul General to New England, defended his country's work to get dilbit to market.

"We see the oil sands of Alberta as part of the North American energy resource, and an impor-

tant part of our collective future," he said.

In 2011, said Binns, Canadian crude and refined products made up 24 percent of U.S. petroleum products, most of it from Alberta. That is expected to increase as world-wide supplies of oil decline, he said.

As for the environmental impact of extracting dilbit, Binns said from 1990 to 2010 "greenhouse gas emissions were reduced by 26 percent and that continues to improve," and is comparable to some crudes produced in the U.S.

He then turned the focus to U.S. fossil fuel production. The U.S. coal industry, he said, "produces 40 times more greenhouse gases annually than Alberta."

Wilson added that whether a pipeline runs from Montreal to Portland or from Alberta to Texas, transportation by pipe is more environmentally friendly than by train, which he said produces overall higher carbon dioxide emissions.

Spills The pipeline officials were questioned about their ability to respond to a spill and the effectiveness of a cleanup.

Heavy oil, said Wilson, "can be cleaned up, and cleaned up effectively."

Lyon was skeptical. He asked how quickly cleanup crews could be on the scene of a spill.

Jim Fox of Boom Technology, Inc., an oil spill cleanup company, told him three or four hours.

Lyon said that in six hours oil spilled in the Androscoggin River in Bethel would have floated downstream to Lewiston.

And, he said, "a 24-inch pipe can dump a lot of oil in a short period of time."

He also said there is information that oil and pipeline companies will

not provide to the public, such as chemicals used to dilute the heavy crude to make it flow through the pipe.

"We're never going to know what the exact constituency is because it's a trade secret. Why can't we know what we have to be equipped to deal with? Excuse us for being alarmist or overly concerned, but it's because of a lack of information, and we have to look to you for that."

Steve Wight of Newry said much has been made of reports that dilbit oil from an 800,000 gallon spill in 2010 has remained at the bottom of the Kalamazoo River in Michigan. He asked if dilbit floats, and if so why it was at the bottom of the river.

Fox said dilbit does float. But if it is allowed to "weather," he said, "it picks up sand, it picks up sea grass, people walk on it," causing it to sink.

"If you don't catch the spill quickly, you're going to make it worse," he said.

Wilson said his company does not currently have expertise on dilbit, but if PMPL transports the crude in the future employees will be well-prepared to handle it.

Several people pressed the officials on the smallest spill their monitoring technology could detect.

"How big is the puddle?" asked Wight.

Nick Payeur, the health, safety, & environmental coordinator for PMPL, said it depends on many variables that include speed of flow, temperature, pressure of the line, and topography of the land.

Said Wilson, "It's not thousands of barrels, it's not hundreds of barrels. It's a small number. My employees are uncomfortable giving in situations like this someone numbers that will be used against them later on - and

they will."

In response to Hotopp's comment that Wilson had implied pipeline jobs were more important than those dependent on clean waterways, Wilson said that was not his point. He said both groups should be able to co-exist and keep their jobs.

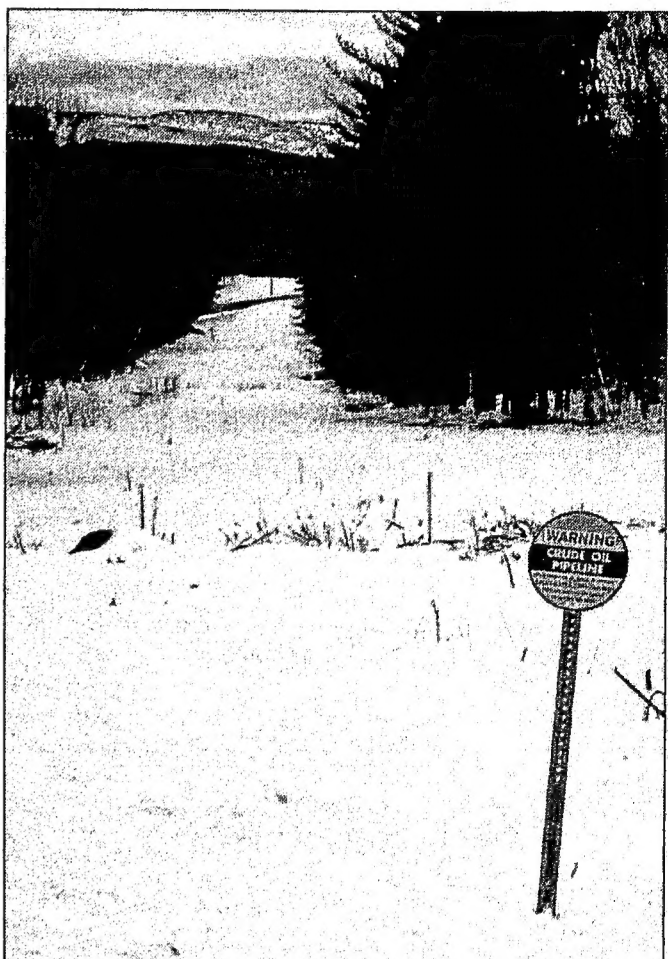
Wilson asked Bethel "to reconsider this resolution, and consider giving us open access to free open markets and be able to do what we've done successfully for 71 years."

Bethel selectboard Chair Stan Howe, who moder-

ated the meeting, said "If anyone wishes to try and change the town's official position, it is possible through a petition procedure. You would need 136 signatures by April 29."

On Monday Kulik took out petition materials from the Bethel Town Office. He said he wants residents to vote in June - either at the annual town meeting or by referendum - on whether to rescind the resolution.

Kulik said he has not yet made up his mind how he feels personally on the issue.



The Portland-Montreal Pipe Line in Albany. The pipeline crosses under the Hunt's Corner Road in the distance. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

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Jades

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ing. "Mom and dad had a tent on one side of the platform that was used as the kitchen, then we girls had a tent on the other side of the platform," Jane said.

"Our father's mother, (Grammie Goddard), came to live with us for 10 years before passing. It enabled mom to go back to work," said Jane. "Grammie always had friends over, so we had a love for older folks."

"Mom was a seamstress and made all of our clothes," said Jane. "We

had a dress code at school where if you wore a dress and it was cold, you wore a pair of pants underneath where if you wore a dress and it was cold, you wore a pair of pants underneath until you got to school where you could take them off and hang them up. Our dresses could only be an inch and a half above the knee. If they were thought to be too short, we had to kneel on the floor, and came the ruler, and they measured how short it was from the floor. Boys could

wear button-up shirts and nice pants."

The girls weren't big into dating. "They came and went," said Jane. "We were such a tight group of friends, we went everywhere together, like brothers and sisters."

Debby was old enough that she had her own friends and they did their own thing. Jane hated school because she loved staying home with Grammie. She got to cook, and make lunch."

"Grammie was one who would give you her teeth if she thought you needed them," said Debby. "Jane is like that today, and I think she gets it from Grammie."

The girls and their friends also checked out the drive-in movie theater once or twice a summer. The old drive-in was by Maine Made Products on Route 2.

On Sundays, they would visit different relatives. They had lots of cousins to play with.

Their dad worked long

hours, but when he was home, 'he was home'. He always attended the girls' activities, whether it was sports or music. "Both parents are musical," said Debby. "Dad was a stand-up bass player and was in a band called 'The Stragglers', in the 60's and 70's. He sang bass, and even sang with a Barbershop group." Mom didn't work when the girls were little, as there was no daycare. The girls had books to keep them company, and they all like to read today.

"Mom played the piano and sang," said Debby. "We would put on shows for our parents, grandparents and their friends. I think a lot of kids used their imaginations in that way."

As the girls graduated, Debby went to Alaska to marry her now husband, David Luxton. Cindy left to go in the Navy after mom struggled to put 20 pounds on her. Today, she is a nurse at a Veteran's Clinic in Rumford.

Jane went to school full time at Mr. Bernard's School of Cosmetology, in Lewiston. Debby had already been cutting hair after moving back home and graduating from Mansfield Beauty School in Portland, but when Jane finished, it was decided they would open a shop together.

"We laughed when someone told us about this space being open. We had already decided on the name, but it was inside the shop, the word 'Jade' was on the thermostat. Coincidence? Who knows, but Jades Salon was born."

Jane has since taken extra classes to learn to do acrylics and fiberglass nails. She mostly does acrylic nails as they are more rugged than the fiberglass nails, and most people prefer them. "I have lost a lot of nail clients in the last three years," said Jane. "It's the economy. Most ladies had their nails done as a luxury, one they don't seem to be able to afford anymore."

"When I was in school, I typed on one of the old manual typewriters," said Deborah. I wanted to be a nurse or a teacher. I thought I would cut hair for a few years, then get married. I have been cutting hair for 41 years!"

It enabled her to have the kids at home and go to sporting events over the years.

"As long as I can make a living cutting hair, I'll be here," Jane said. "It's been a wonderful opportunity for Deb and I, as sisters, friends and co-workers. We would never have spent this much time together otherwise. We have the same values, even though we are different people. I think that says a lot for our parents."

Jane brings her mother-in-law to the shop and does her hair. "Everyone likes to feel pampered, and what better way to do it," she said.

The sisters have found that their shop has been a vehicle to help others. People get talking, and find out someone needs an employee, and they happen to know someone who would "fit the bill." If someone needs something the sisters can't themselves provide, they will direct clients to someone else. Someone usually can help.

"It's good to have connections," said Jane. "You get what you give in life, and if you are willing to help someone today, who says that person won't help you later in life if you need it."

Jane said that 'transient' business in the summer is much better than in the winter. The 'snowbirds' come home, and the summer folks come and spend their money.

"Mothers didn't use to work, but our generation had to," said Jane. Everything is computerized these days. "When you can step into a booth and have a computerized haircut, then it will be time to hang up the scissors. Til then, I will be here at Jades Salon, hanging out with my sister."

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Local skiers also use informal tracks and snowmobile trails.

Today The Outdoor Center, a non-profit entity, has taken over the skiing operations at the Bethel Inn and Sunday River Inn. TOC also maintains and grooms the Gould trails. Carter's remains an independent commercial business. TOC and Carter's offer the five essential elements that define cross-country ski centers: groomed trails, rental equipment, lessons, amenities and events.

Connecting these trails and integrating them into a region-wide network is the ultimate goal of many of the participants.

"Somehow we've got to get all these small places together," said Suzanne Pierce, a Bethel Outing Club board member. "I want to be able to ski out my back door and go all over Oxford County."

Steve Wight, the former operator of Sunday River Cross-Country Ski Center, and current TOC board member, suggested that a village-wide system should form the core of the future network. Several participants suggested connections to the Bethel Pathway and its future extensions.

Others anticipate a future link to the long-distance route being created by the Carrabassett Valley-based Maine Huts and Trails, which is envisioned to run 180 miles between the Sunday River Valley and Moosehead Lake.

Carlie Casey, a nationally certified cross-country competition official and member of the Bethel Outing Club cited Washington's extensive Methow Valley Trails Association as a possible regional model. Others mentioned two New England trail systems: Jackson, New Hampshire, and Stowe, Vermont.

In addition to Casey, two other participants represented the highest levels of cross-country competition: Leslie Bancroft-

Krichko, a two-time Olympian, and Kirk Siegel, a former member of the U.S. Biathlon Team.]

Dave Carter, of Carter's Cross Country Ski Center, noted that informal links between local trails already exists, but stressed that improved marketing efforts don't have to wait for future enhancements.

"This community already has some of the most incredible cross-country skiing anywhere in the country," said Carter. "We have it all here in Bethel, but we need to market it better."

Several speakers, including Landon Fake of Mahoosuc Pathways, stressed the importance of cross-country skiing to the local economy. Although it has never rivaled the economic impact of downhill skiing, cross-country represents an important draw to the region's tourism-based economy. It was agreed that the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, represented by Julia Reuter, would have an important voice.

Other speakers emphasized other key points:

* A nonprofit business model will likely be key to future development of cross-country ski centers, according to several, including TOC's Mike Cooper. Wight noted that this was a national trend.

* Engaging children and schools needs to be a major objective of any future plan, according to Tracy Boys, who is involved with the Bill Koch Youth Ski League, and Brad Clarke, of Gould Academy. A full spectrum of programming for young people should be offered. It should be stressed that cross-country skiing is a very healthy lifetime activity.

* Events that attract media attention and draw people to the area should be part of any plan. In the past these have included the L.L. Bean Cross Country Ski Festivals. Currently the Flying Moose Classic, a major race on the New England competition circuit, is a magnet.

Briefly

Newry goes early on meetings

NEWRY— Starting April 1, Newry selectmen will begin holding their regular meetings at 7 a.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month. They formerly met at 4:30 p.m. on the same days, but a work schedule change for Selectmen Gary Wight created a conflict for him. Wight offered to resign from the position to which he was just re-elected March 4, but the board decided to try the new schedule for a time to see how it works. The other selectmen are Wendy Hanscom and Brooks Morton.

Newry FD wins ski race

NEWRY—The Newry Fire Department edged out 13 other teams from around New England to take first place in the 23rd Annual Firefighters' Race at Sunday River Sunday. Meanwhile, proceeds from this afternoon's race, as well as the 21st Annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff and the 28th Annual Ski-A-Thon, helped raise more than \$330,000 for Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation. Newry's winning time was 38.71 seconds. The margin of victory over second place finishers from Jay was only 1.16 seconds; the margin between the second and third place team from Bethel (Maine) was 1.19 seconds. Other fire departments who raced today include teams from Livermore Falls, Farmington, Rumford, Rochester, Gorham, Hopkinton, Jay, Falmouth, Lewiston and two teams from Auburn. For the event, teams of five firefighters in full gear raced down a giant slalom course on the Tempest trail toting 50 feet of fire hose. Teams were composed of skiers and snowboarders. Following the race was the Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff. The event included chef teams from Sunday River Resort and surrounding Newry and Bethel area and was judged by a panel of media celebrities and special guest and Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation ambassador, Herb Gross. Judges' scores combined to award first place to the Shipyard team from Newry. The runner-up awards went to the Grid Iron (Hot) team from Lewiston and third place was awarded to Rooster's Roadhouse located in Bethel. For more information on Sunday River's Fire Fighter's Race or Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff, visit www.sundayriver.com. For more on MASR's Ski-A-Thon, visit www.maineadaptive.org.



An unidentified young man competes in the hot dog contest at the Chili Cookoff at Sunday River on Sunday. (Photo: Carol Savage)



Jane Goddard and Debby Luxton. (Photo: D. Rafford)

EASTER WORSHIP

Check out these listings for area Easter Celebrations and Services starting today, Thursday, March 28th

Bethel Alliance Church

Good Friday Service
March 29th - 7pm
Easter Sunrise Service
March 31st - 6:15 am
78 Highland Ave., Bethel
Easter Worship Service
March 31st - 8am
Easter Breakfast
March 31st after Service
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Bethel Nazarene Church

Pastor Peter Carter

Easter Sunrise Service - 7 am
at the Church Lot, Walkers Mills Rd
Weather permitting, if not - at the Church
Hot Breakfast to follow the service at the Church

Sunday School 9:30 am

Easter Worship Service 10:30 am

16 Church St, Bethel

Bethel United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday Service - 12 Noon
Thursday, March 28th in the dining room. Hand washing service, followed by a soup and bread lunch, then Holy Communion. There will be a service of hymns, prayers and Scripture.
Tenebrae Service - 12 Noon
Friday, March 29 in the upstairs chapel
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Easter Sunday Masses
SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - 8:30 AM at
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126 Maine Avenue, Rumford
SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - 10:30 AM
at Our Lady of the Snows,
265 Walkers Mills Rd (Rte 26), Bethel

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

Maundy Thursday Service - 7 pm
at Mexico Congregational UCC
Good Friday Service - 7 pm
United Methodist Church, Rumford
Easter Holy Eucharist - 9:30 am
The Rock Church at the rotary

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West Bethel Union Church Holy Week Service

Maundy Thursday Service with
Communion and the re-enactment of
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Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
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Woodstock

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support is being sought from Bethel and other area towns in the form of \$1.25 per person per town, collected through taxes.

Newry approved funds at its town meeting earlier this month.

Woodstock Selectman Steve Bies offered an amendment that would have reduced his town's contribution to \$596. He said the event takes place in Bethel, and the proportion donated by other towns should be less.

As the discussion began, resident Mike Nadeau offered to donate the entire amount personally. "I think it's a good cause," he said to applause.

Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the BACC, thanked Nadeau. But the request to the towns is also symbolic, she said.

The lion's share of the celebration, said Zinchuk, "has been supported by the business community ... What this signifies by voting something from each of the taxpayers is that you truly believe it's the people of the region that benefit from Mollycoddett Days ... We still have yet to speak to the town of Greenwood and the town of Bethel. I would hate to have people say, 'Well, Woodstock didn't give, so why should we?'"

"It's a symbolic shift that people recognize that the people are the ones who benefit from Mollycoddett Days, it's really not the businesses. It's not a business event, it's never been a business event. It's been a homecoming. We're trying to do something very different and very important, and it costs more than it has in the past."

Nadeau said he would still contribute to make up the difference between any amount the town voted and the requested figure.

But many residents were skeptical of making any contribution, including Cathy Morgan.

"I think that with the

way the economy is, we have many town members who are out of work, they're struggling to eat. I'd rather see \$1,500 go to our General Assistance fund," she said. "If people want to celebrate, then people can celebrate, but I don't think it's up to the town to pay for that."

Others said they didn't think tax money should go to an effort they said has a political connotation.

But looking back at history, Nancy Willard said she supported doing something to recognize "that we regret killing people needlessly, taking children away from their families and putting them in foster homes, all the things that were done to the Indians."

The amendment was easily defeated, however, and voters went on to defeat the main motion for the full amount.

Fireworks, property, wind
Also turned down was an amendment to the fireworks ordinance. It called for restricting fireworks use to only a handful of days each year. But Fire Chief Jeff Inman argued against it. "I think it's a waste of time and energy," he said. "There's no penalty to go with it and no enforcement."

It was overwhelmingly defeated.

Voters were more receptive to changes to the property maintenance ordinance that give Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman a more solid base for her enforcement work.

Some residents worried it might impinge on their property rights.

Corey-Whitman said she typically does not actively seek out violators. She said most enforcement happens as a result of complaints.

The amendments were approved.

The proposed new commercial wind ordinance prompted nearly an hour of discussion.

Some neighbors of the new Spruce Mountain Wind project have complained about noise, and supporters of the ordinance said it would prevent problems in the future.

The ordinance imposes minimum sound decibel requirements stricter than state law, as well as a one-mile setback from property boundaries.

Selectmen supported it, citing a need to protect the "health and safety" of all residents. Selectman Rick Young said, "It gives us a baseline" from which to work, and possibly make changes in the future.

But Dennis Poland, a member of the committee that crafted the ordinance, opposed it. He said it was anti-business because there are currently no properties in town large enough to provide the needed setback for new projects. Poland said the ordinance should have focused on limiting the noise without such restrictive setbacks.

The ordinance was narrowly approved, 48-44, in a secret ballot.

Voters went on to approve the remaining money articles, with one change. They amended the Capital Reserve Account down by \$5,000 to raise only \$15,000 toward improvements at the Lake Christopher dam. The town already has money set aside and will have enough without the full \$20,000 originally proposed, selectmen said.

The estimated amount to be raised from taxes (including an estimate for the school share) is \$2,130,397, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said later. The projected mill rate is 11.72, up from 11.45.

In town elections, all incumbents were returned to office unopposed. The three-hour meeting was moderated by Steve Wight.

Bethel Historical Society to offer zip line tours

The Bethel Historical Society plans to add a new twist this summer to its walking tours of the town's Historic District: zip line tours.

Engineer Jim Sysko will run a gently-sloped, 2,000-foot cable the length of Broad and Church streets, according to Randy Bennett, BHS executive director.

"We want to offer something that will attract more young people to our historic tours," Bennett said. "In addition, the seated zip tours will benefit older visitors who may not be up for walking through the village."

The line will run directly over the street, about 50 feet off the ground.

"That height, above the power lines, will ensure it doesn't turn into a 'zap' line," said Sysko.

In keeping with the historic theme, tourists will be lifted from the ground to the zip line by means of an antique dumb waiter that Sysko will modify. They will then slide slowly past such historic landmarks as the Gideon Hastings House, the Bethel Inn, BHS's Moses Mason and Robinson houses, and Gould Academy as tour guides chat about each site's role in Bethel history.

Recently-retired BHS Director Emeritus Stan Howe expects to volunteer much of his time guiding tours.

"What better way to see the high-style architecture of Gould Academy than from on high," said Howe.

An application for the zip line proposal will be presented at the next Bethel Planning Board meeting.

(Please note this story is published close in time to April 1.)

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Friday, March 22

At 9:35 a.m. Deputy Willie Nelson responded to the West Bethel Road for a report that someone had gotten into a car and removed a piece of plastic covering an override for the parking lock mechanism. The car was out of gear, and someone may have tried to take it.

At 2:38 p.m. a report was received of a road rage incident the Walkers Mills Road, verbal with no assaults. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

At 5:29 p.m. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo responded to a residence for a report that a child's snowmobile had been stolen.

At 7:08 p.m. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo responded to the Intervale Road in Bethel for a report of a person driving in violation on a regular basis.

At 7 p.m. a report was received that a property manager had found some pot left by a former tenant.

At 7:27 p.m. a complaint of harassing phone calls was received from the Songo Pond Road. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo was assigned.

Saturday, March 23

At 6:49 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Broad Street for a report of two subjects arguing. On arrival he found one subject. The other one had left.

At 8:38 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Parkway for a report of an intoxicated subject walking on Route 2. There was no contact.

Sunday, March 24

At 12:25 p.m. on Walkers Mills Road Deputy Dani Welch arrested Angela M. Taylor, 32, for operating after suspension.

Monday, March 25

At 10:37 a.m. on Route 26 Deputy Peter Casey charged Harlan Blake, 43, with operating beyond license restriction and operating an uninspected motor vehicle.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel Patrol log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of activity.

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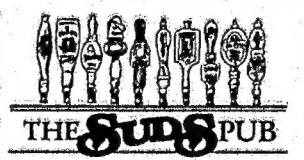
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SAD 44

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echoed his sentiments, including Lynn Arizzi, Lainey Cross and Roberta Taylor of Bethel.

In arguing to accept the \$68,000, Andover Director Keith Smith cited his town's continuing process of negotiating to withdraw from SAD 44. He said Andover had offered the \$68,000 "to put their best foot forward to keep the school open, and try to continue to work through the [withdrawal] process... The town voted that that's what they're presenting. That's the best they can do."

He said Andover would be put "in a very, very tough spot" without an agreement on the funds.

Kate Botka of Bethel wondered about Smith's role as chairman of the board's Finance Committee. The committee discussed the \$68,000 figure before the board meeting, but did not make a recommendation.

"It feels odd to have someone from Andover be the head of Finance and then be negotiating this whole budget and how much they're going to pay," she said. "If you don't have the loyalty to stay with SAD 44, why should we have the loyalty to make sure you don't have to pay extra? I feel like that statement was 'We're in the process of dropping you,' so that makes me bristle, and why would I want to accept the \$68,000 if you're just going to drop us? Why should we put all of that tax burden on all of the people we represent just to try to keep Andover happy?"

Smith responded, "I think it's absolutely my responsibility to voice my opinion, particularly from the town that I'm from."

Ignoring the ramifications of not accepting the \$68,000 would be "irresponsible to that process," he said.

The board voted down the \$68,000 11-4, with Smith, Akers and Tammy Goodwin and Stacey Sand-

voss of Greenwood voting yes. (Andover Director Mark Shraiberg did not attend the meeting.)

After more discussion Cross, the board chair, moved to up the amount to \$140,000.

Bethel Director Tim Carter said that figure would meet Andover half way between the \$68,000 and \$214,600 that Andover paid two years ago to keep AES open, after the board had voted formally to close the school.

The \$214,600 was the result of a state formula that kicked in as part of the school closing process. Murphy said it is unknown what the figure would be this year, but the same number was "fair" to hold discussions around.

The \$140,000 was approved 9-6, with Akers, Smith, Goodwin, Arizzi, Deb Webster of Newry and Sheryl Morgan of Woodstock voting against it.

Andover selectmen and about 15 people from the town attended the board meeting. After the vote, Murphy asked Selectboard Chair Susan Merrow if the town would have enough time for a process to raise the remaining funds.

She said she was not sure. Murphy said the board could possibly adjust the deadline when it meets again April 8.

"Move forward" Andover and SAD 44 have also been negotiating as the town pursues possible withdrawal.

There has been a proposal from Andover and a counterproposal from SAD 44, but beginning in late February communications became confused regarding whether Andover has offered another formal counterproposal.

Murphy said Tuesday he had received three e-mails from Andover's attorney since late February, but still no counterproposal, other than to say "the item we had submitted was not acceptable."

Emotions came to a head briefly when Akers said he

had seen e-mails showing the attorneys for the town and the district had been communicating.

"I don't know what's going on, but our lawyer has indicated and I have seen documentation that there are ongoing discussions between the Andover Withdrawal Committee lawyer and the district's lawyer," Akers said.

Murphy took his comments as an accusation, and reiterated he had received e-mails three times. "If there are others, [district lawyer] Bill Stockmeyer has not seen them and I have not seen them," he said. He asked Akers to forward any to him.

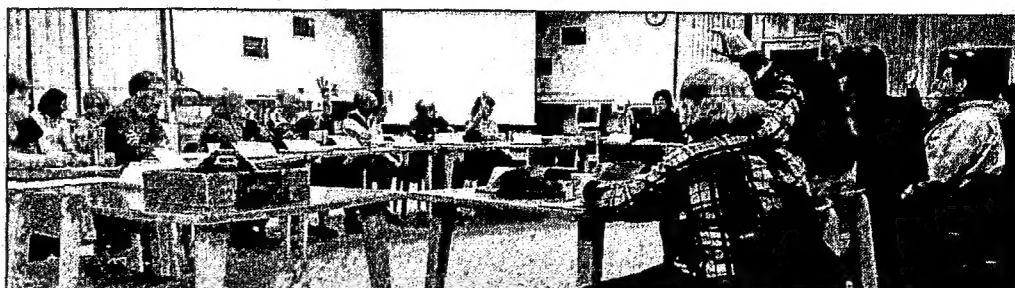
After the short exchange both men agreed the parties needed to move forward.

Merrow also emphasized the need to move forward in comments she made at the beginning of the board meeting. She said there has been a lot of misinformation about the process. "We are working hard and we all want to get through this process as quickly as possible, because I know there are a lot of things hanging on it," she said.

Polak asked that both parties keep each other better informed.

After the meeting Merrow said of the vote, "I am saddened that the SAD 44 board continues to operate in a silo. The health of any community doesn't come from one factor, both business and education are needed. As the total SAD 44 student population declines, it is within the board members' power to foster community growth, by ensuring education is there for businesses and families. When Ethan Allen in Andover layoff the remaining 65 workers in 2009, only 16 were from Andover. That was a regional hit and impacted SAD 44."

"Andover residents will continue to fight to maintain a healthy business climate which benefits the entire region."



THE SAD 44 SCHOOL BOARD votes to ask Andover for \$140,000 to keep AES open. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Kay McMillin's death leaves a big hole in our community. For many years,

Kay volunteered at the Bethel Animal Hospital. She not only played with and comforted the animals, but the animals' parents as well. When my beloved cat died, Kay had words of comfort. Last fall when my dog was there for a routine visit, Kay spied us sitting in the waiting room, and came to chat about my Uncle Irving who had just been hospitalized. They had been students together at Gould Academy. Kay exemplified the kind and compassionate people that live here in Bethel. We will miss her dearly.

There will be a benefit for Judy Buck Lamontagne on Saturday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the West Bethel Grange Hall. Judy had a stroke in December and the funds will help with much-needed expenses. The benefit includes a potluck dinner, door prizes, and a Chinese auction. The cost is \$5; \$2.50 for children 8 years old and under. For more information, please call Maryvonne at 836-2330 or Sheila at 364-4132.

The Bethel Historical Society is celebrating Women's History Month on Saturday, March 30, with a showing of the film "Reaching Out for Liberty and Light: The Life of Frances Payne Bolton." Bolton was an influential politician, humanitarian, and philanthropist. She

was the first woman from Ohio to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where she served 14 consecutive terms. She introduced 61 separate bills, including sponsoring the Bolton Act in 1943 that created the United States Cadet Nursing Corps. In her honor, Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland named its nursing school the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing. Frances P. Bolton has a strong Maine connection. In 1963, I heard her speak at the dedication of Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium, which was named for her brother, William Bingham. It was the first event I attended at Gould, and she left a strong impression. The film showing will be at the Dr. Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street) at 2 p.m. Stanley Howe, Bethel Historical Society Executive Director Emeritus, will introduce the film.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The last column for March! March has been an interesting month, as

always, for weather. We have seen both winter and spring during the past few weeks. Personally, I enjoyed the spring days the most. There have been several windy days and today is one of them. As I look out the window, I know the wind is blowing fairly hard because the

red squirrel is hanging onto the fence post and his tail is blowing in the wind right out straight behind him.

My brother, Steve McLain, was in town last Saturday, but since I had to work at Adult Education for a Hunter Safety Course, he did not get a chance to stop and visit as usual. Celia Broomhall from the Bog Road was one of the instructors for the course.

Now, back to the squirrels for a moment. In the past columns, I have written about the battles we have had with them and the feeder. I actually had someone ask me the other day about how the battle ended or was it still going on. Right now, we seem to have won for the moment. Each time we think we make progress, they get around it somehow. It is amazing what Plexiglas and a plastic soda bottle can do to discourage a squirrel.

While in the grocery store in Bethel the other day, Hugh and I ran into Joe and Freda Gaudreau, who are a couple of Gilead Bog Road neighbors. They are also members of the Gilead Historical Society. That same day, we saw a couple of other GHS members in the post office. While I was talking to Larry Corriveau, Steve Seames came in and stopped to chat for awhile with Hugh and Patrick Moore of Newry.

The Sun Journal Sunday paper had an article this past Sunday about the pipeline. There were two pictures with the article that Emeline Heath took when the pipeline

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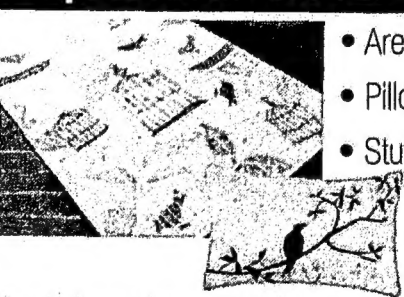
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Town Office
The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 30, at 7 p.m. The Registrar of Voters will be there at 6:30 p.m. to register qualified voters. Proof of residency (official documents that prove the identity of the applicant and their place of residence) must be provided at the time of registering. Please arrive early enough to register if you are a new voter or to check in if you are already registered.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 met at the hall on Saturday, March 16, with guests from Norway Grange present. Members sick were Bertha DeHaas and Sharon Silver. Cards were written.

Next meeting is Monday, April 1 at 7 p.m. with refreshments after the meeting. Program was presented by Christine Herbert of Norway. Opening thought by Christine; song "When Irish Eyes are Smiling." Reading, traditional Irish Blessings by Richard Felt; Reading, Michelangelo by Peter Herbert; Farmers skit by Ashley and Christine; Reading, "In Celebration of Women," by Peter; game with words with Pat in them, all; Anytime/Everything skit by Laura, Christine and Alice; closing thought and music by Richard Felt and Laura Hutchins. The meeting was followed by a potluck dinner.

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Fire Station for the April meeting on Thursday, April 4. Meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. Dinner put on by Daughters of Union Veterans and program by Diane York on Garden Pests.

Linda Stowell, Susan Glines of West Paris,

Sarah Stowell of Portland, and Rachel Adams of Fayette, flew to Maryland to attend the Bat Mitzvah of Faye Greenberg on March 16. Faye is the daughter of Michael and Leslie (Bennett) Greenberg of Olney, Md., and the granddaughter of Jim and Julia Bennett of West Paris. Michael and Penny Hathaway of Madison, N.H., joined family in Maryland after spending time in Virginia Beach.

It was a wonderful family gathering and celebration! On Saturday morning, everyone went to the B'nai Shalom of Olney for Shabbat Services. The Bat Mitzvah service was part of the Shabbat Service, and Faye did several readings and did a very impressive job. Saturday evening there was a celebration party at the Norbeck Country Club in Rockville, Md., where everyone had a fabulous time! Everyone got together for brunch on Sunday morning, and got some last-minute visiting in before people had to head home.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School for all ages at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Midweek Service. Come celebrate Resurrection Sunday. Son-rise service at 8 a.m., breakfast following, then regular Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 7, Mike Viscome from Gospel Text Mission will be speaker and he will be giving away scripture signs.

The program for Whitman Memorial Library in April will be Thursday, April 11 at 2 p.m. Jennifer Locke will be guest speaker. Ms. Lock will talk about Mandala Art, which is currently on display at the library. She will give a hands-on lesson on this circular form of art. Open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments. Exercise class still meets at the library Tuesday mornings at 10. Led by Nancy Willard and Leslie Baumgartel. If you wish to walk, be there at 9:30.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Well, it must be Spring as Lucas Tree is out trimming trees along the power

lines. Just love the smell of the fresh cut wood in the air. Jennifer Norris had a birthday on March 14 and on Saturday, March 16, she was the guest of honor at her Mom's, Aline Dupont.

Jarrod, Paige and little Teddy, her husband Lee, grandfather Gerard Dupont and Aunt Martha Stowell were all there to celebrate. They had a lot of fun. Happy Belated Birthday, Jennifer!

Also on Saturday, Stacey and Gabe Coolidge were visitors at Arlene Harrington's. Arlene further informed that her trapping season seems to be over. Well, and still no word from Neil.

This weekend we will already be celebrating Easter. The kids are looking forward to coloring the eggs, yet this year, contrary to last year, the Easter Egg Hunt will have to take place indoors. It will be interesting to see if they find them all. In my house, there always seems to be one egg which can't be found, at times for several days or longer.

Am looking forward to hearing how you all celebrated the Holiday. Please, call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net. Wishing everyone a Happy, Blessed Easter.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



There came a time in March when there was no news from Hanover. As if we were stuck in time the ice has yet to leave the river and pond. The snow lines along roads and driveways forever shrink slowly back into lawns and fields. There is not even a political

Late birthday greetings go to Craig Turner and Brian Worcester. They both celebrated March 24. Craig was with his daughter Jen in Lewiston. Brian enjoyed his three daughters and Sara at home. Kaylynn, Shawnee and Makala had a whooping good time.

Dooms Day is upon us. The annual Assessor's Meeting was known as Dooms Day because property owners were barred from recourse if they do not list their property by April 1 each year. The Assessor's Meeting this year will be March 30, at the Town Office between 10 and 11 a.m.

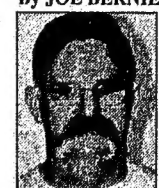
Area towns are working to redefine their school districts. In early days Hanover had several schools scattered around town and in time they were consolidated to one school, a one-room elementary school. Eventually it was decided that the teacher did not have enough supervision and Hanover became part of School Union 25 consisting of Rumford and Hanover. When Rumford joined SAD 43 Hanover

became a tuition town. Presently Hanover is part of RSU 10, and although some area districts towns are planning changes, Hanover seems content as it is.

Donna and Clem traveled to Brewer for a Knights of Pythias meeting last Sunday. It was a good meeting but we found ourselves lost in Bangor. After stumbling around the city we straightened ourselves out and got to Brewer before the meeting started. Others from this part of the state attending were Freeman Farrington of East Andover, Clyde Barker of Strong and Mike Barker from New Sharon.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid Association plans to serve breakfast Easter Sunday. They serve breakfast from 8 until 11 a.m. The next scheduled breakfast at the Ladies Aid is Mother's Day.

The State Line Snowmobile Club will meet Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. at the Upton House. This is expected to be their final meeting of the season.

The Letter B Notch Rider ATV club will hold their annual election meeting Sunday, April 14, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

The Upton Historical Society will have their first meeting of the year on Sunday, April 21, 1 p.m. Neither Jennie or I wrote in our notes, or can remember where the society decided to have their April meeting. We believe that it was decided to have the meeting at the Upton House. If no one objects, and the Upton House is available, then that is where the meeting will be.

The Upton Planning Board is scheduled to meet Friday, March 29, 6:30 p.m. at the town office.

Last spring, Umbagog Lake ice out was April 13. It missed being the earliest by less than a week. Last Sunday, I was told that there was up to 36 inches of ice in most areas of the lake. I do not believe ice out will be early this year. My records show the latest Umbagog ice out as May 23, 1888.

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Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



The month of March is coming to a close with Easter a week away.

Easter egg hunts are going to be a little tricky with all this snow. I must admit it is going quickly but not fast enough for me.

Bella Bennett spent Friday and Friday night with me. We went to Melby's for dinner and then we called on Margaret and Franklin Barton.

On Thursday night, Doug, Jen, Bella and I enjoyed dinner at the Suds Pub.

I noticed when I read the paper last week that several people have problems getting news. Hope everyone knows they can e-mail or call me and leave a message. My phone number is 381-7952 and my e-mail address is bennettkathleen@gmail.com.

Enjoy Easter however you choose. Until next week, Live, Laugh and Love.

Andover

By JANE RICH



Today begins Easter weekend for many and services will be held by Andover

Church congregations over the next three days. Tonight there will be a commemoration of the Last Supper with Communion at the First Congregational Church in the CEB. A light meal will be served followed by the Garden Meditation in the sanctuary. On Good Friday, the Calvary Bible Church will journey to West Bethel Pleasant Valley Church to share in a service set for 7 p.m. Meanwhile in town at

the First Congregational Church a 7 p.m. service will feature the Last Seven Words from the cross and Stations of the Cross. Both churches will be having Sunrise Services, breakfasts and regular worship services. At Calvary the Sunrise Service will be at 7:30 a.m. followed by an 8 a.m. Breakfast, Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. and regular worship at 10:45 a.m. The Congregational Church will have its traditional Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast in the CEB and regular worship at 10 a.m.

At a recent meeting of Cabot Lodge 177 Knights of Pythias it was voted to take on the special project of refurbishing the stage curtain at the Andover Town Hall. This curtain was purchased in 1926 and sponsored by local businesses. It's a great piece of history displaying names of commercial institutions no longer remembered by a great many people. Cabot Lodge is accepting donations for this worthwhile project and they may be sent to the Lodge care of Mark Farrington, P.O. Box 164, East Andover, ME 04226.

The Andover Food Pantry wishes to thank all who baked or cooked for the food sale on Saturday. Their goal was \$400 to qualify for a matching grant from the Good Shepherd Food Bank which they exceeded by a sizable amount thanks to the generosity of monetary donations from the local community. The Food Pantry is open on Tuesday mornings from 9 to 10.

There will be a lot of activities in town during the month of April while we slosh through the mud, which is our hope rather than more snow. We really have had quite enough. Anyone interested in helping out the Food Pantry is invited to attend Chicken Fixin Day on April 6. The



Members of the Bethel community enjoy "Good Meals in 30 Minutes or Less" presented by Western Mountains Senior College's To Your Health program. Chef Elton Cole and Stephens Memorial Hospital Registered Dietician Pat Watson educated the large crowd on the many ways to create healthy and tasty meals, emphasizing fresh and seasonal ingredients. The next To Your Health presentation, "Good Mind: Good Mood", will be held on Thursday, April 11, 4:30-6:00 pm, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. The public is invited at no charge. For more information on this event and other Western Mountains Senior College events, visit our blog at <http://wmscollege.blogspot.com>.

pantry has a quantity of chicken that needs to be thawed, cooked and readied for distribution to patrons. On April 12 the community is invited to attend "Dinner and a Movie" at the CEB. Dinner will be provided. Bring snacks for movie time. The movie is "The Letter Writer," a story about two people who change each other's lives through letters. Donations to defray expenses will be accepted.

On April 13 there will be two important events. An auction in the downstairs Town Hall at 4 p.m. and a concert with Peter Coolidge and friends at 7 p.m. in the upstairs. Tickets for the concert are \$10 each. All proceeds from these events will go to support the Kevin Hughes family. Kevin is recovering from heart surgery that was performed in Boston.

The next free community lunch will be on April 19 at noon in the CEB and is sponsored by the People In Action Committee, and on April 27, the tradition-

al Birthday Supper will occur. There will be more details about that event as the time nears.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Tuesday, March 19: Well, here we are again in the middle of another snowstorm - weather-

man says 10 to 16 inches of snow before it's over and I was so ready for spring! Most of the snow was gone around the house and I was so looking forward to doing some raking so it looks like that's on hold for a few more days

Many came home with awards from the NACMAI competitions in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., this week. Congratulations to each of you.

Condolences to the family of Richard Varney. Our thoughts and prayers to each family member.

The band will be entertaining the residents at

Ledgeview Living Center on Thursday. We always look forward to our time with the residents every month.

Yogi brought home a nice long table Sunday, one I can use to set up with my garage sale items on, and then it will be very useful to set up for friends and family who come to our band practices throughout the warmer months.

Many birds at the feeders today as they enjoy the fresh food Yogi put out for them. I mixed up a mixture of bird seed, orange sections, raisins and dried bread that I spread some peanut butter on. So I am enjoying the Junco's, Cardinals, Titmouse, Woodpecker, Chick-a-Dees, Sparrows, Nuthatches, Finches, and Bluejays.

My Peace Lily is going to blossom again this winter; she loves her place on the corner of the fireplace by the TV.

I just do not have a green thumb when it comes to some flowers; the geranium my sister Donna gave me five years ago died on me last fall so my niece, Myra, gave me two slips off of her peach-colored one. I brought them home and placed in water, they sat in my kitchen window and started to turn brown. I moved them to the summer room and added a little Miracle Grow to them. I am hoping they will decide to root so I can transplant them. I would like to place them on the corner of my doors this spring.

Two more weeks at the Rumford Eagles for their winter jam sessions. They will start up in the fall right after the Fryeburg Fair.

Craig and April stopped by for a visit today - they are out and about in this winter weather. It's always nice having them stop by.

A notice was posted at the Bryant Pond water spring a week ago to boil the water before using, so we are buying our water for now.

We are wishing each of our readers and their fam-

ilies a very Happy Easter. And praying for a beautiful warm, sunny day.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is Passover and I still haven't made gluten free matzos. I think I will have

to settle for flat bread made out of rice or millet flours. Not exactly matzos but close enough. Making muffins out of nuts and raisins on Wednesday. We shall see if that comes out.

We missed the Rotary Breakfast last Sunday, as I am still not driving. My back heals slowly and I am striving to honor that. Doing otherwise means it will not heal for a longer period. So it goes!

Thursday, March 9, ACOA will meet at 10 a.m. at the Waterford Library. This is a discussion group and it is open. All interested parties should call 739-9115.

Saturday, March 30, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at Waterford Library at 3 to 4 p.m. This is open to Waterford and Harrison elementary age students and under. There will be refreshments and the opportunity to complete a craft project. Gifts of books will be given. FMI call the library at 583 2050.

Sunday, March 31, is Easter. There will be a sunrise service at Keoka Beach town beach. This will be a joint service of Oxford County United Parish churches followed by an Easter breakfast at the Wilkins House. There will also be a 10 a.m. service at the North Waterford Church.

Monday, April 1, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Socrates Cafe will gather to discuss topics and ideas. This month's topic will be "Laughter is the Best Medicine." JoAnne Morse will moderate. FMI please call 583-6957.

That is all for this week. Have a great Easter.

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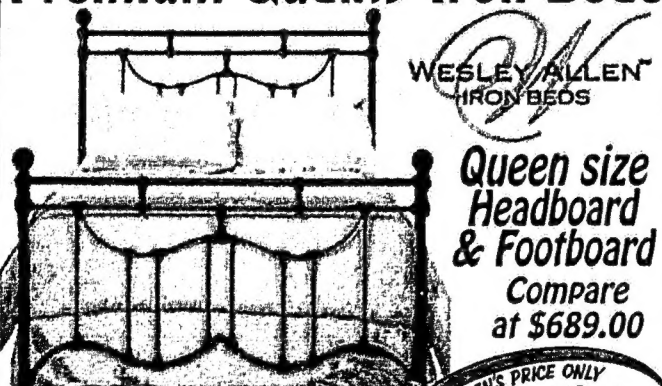
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University College registration

Registration for university summer session courses at University College at South Paris is open and ongoing. Start dates vary according to university, with most courses in the first session beginning in May and later sessions beginning in June and July.

Courses in education, computer information systems, health and human services, business, nursing, library science, counseling, and the liberal arts are all part of the summer schedule. Courses are offered on-site, online, and via interactive television and videoconference. Students also can attend classes at sites in South Paris. Summer sessions typically run for seven weeks.

In addition to courses, University College at South Paris offers students a full range of support services. Center advisers provide career counseling and assist students with financial aid applications, course registrations, book orders, computer access, and more.

Nikki Abbott, Director of University College at South Paris, encourages those who are thinking about taking a course or exploring degree programs to contact the center for an advising session. "Summer is a great time to take classes," said Abbott. "The shorter sessions allow students to get ahead or catch up and lighten their course load during the fall and spring semesters."

For more information about University College at South Paris and summer session courses, please contact: 743-9322 or visit: www.learn.maine.edu/southparis

News from The Eddy

By Lily Weafer

In The Eddy, we recently did a black and white still life in art class with charcoal. First off, we took pieces of paper and colored it different shades with the charcoal. Then, on a separate piece of paper, we sketched out the fruit that was laying in front of us. Finally, we ripped up the paper, looked at the shades of light on the fruit, and glued it as best as we could onto the paper that we drew the fruit on. That is really nothing else to say, but I will be sure to keep you updated.

Next week, we will be going to two preschools and finding fun activities to do about eating healthy and having fruits and vegetables. A few of our ideas so far are: possibly a relay race where there are two separate bags, one with pictures of vegetables, the other with fruit, the kids get handed a fruit or vegetable, and try to figure out what bag to put it in. Another idea would be a treasure hunt; we would give each kid a piece of fruit and say "go look for that fruit, it's somewhere around the classroom." Then they would classify if it was a fruit or a vegetable. The other idea was to read them a book about growing healthy or eating healthy.

If we decide to do all three ideas, then it would make sense if we put them into stations, with one activity in one station. There is really nothing else to say, but I will be sure to keep you updated.

NEWS AND PHOTOS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations.

All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444.

News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

Returns: Due to the volume of material passing through our office, we regret that we cannot be responsible for unsolicited submissions.

BeeWeek What's all the buzz?

Why is Bethel all abuzz? Bethel Bee Week! A series of informational activities and performances based on honeybees and their role in the food supply is being presented by the Mahoosuc Arts Council with help from The Local Food Connection tonight and tomorrow.

"Queen of the Sun" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the Bingham Auditorium, 45 Church Street, Gould Academy. "Queen of the Sun" is about the global bee crisis which details the catastrophic disappearance of bees and the mysterious world of the beehive. This ultimately uplifting film weaves a story of the struggles of beekeepers, scientists and philosophers from around the world to address both the problems and the solutions in renewing a culture in balance with nature.

A performance of the "To Bee or Not to Bee" musical, a bee keeper presentation by Suzanne Dunham of the Dunham Farmstead and an informational Bee Expo will finish the week Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Crescent Park Elementary, 19 Crescent Park Lane.

Earlier in the week Carol Cottrill of the W. Maine Beekeepers Association and the Maine State Beekeepers Association held a talk at the Telstar Middle/High School centered on building perennial bee perimeters around food gardens.

Bethel Bee Week is centered on a K-5 theater residency and performance of an original musical, "To Bee or Not to Bee" by the Piti Theatre Company of Massachusetts, for which the Arts Council received a \$3,000 grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts New England States Touring Program. Telstar Middle School art students with their teacher Melissa Prescott have been busy making bee puppets all week for the Friday performance to help in the community effort.

Thanks to a \$900 grant to The Local Food Connection from the New England Grassroots Environment Fund (NEGEF), in addition to featuring the theater residency and performance, the week also featured experts in the field and will result in the construction of a perimeter of perennials chosen to encourage honeybees and other pollinators around the G.O.T. Farms and Crescent Park food gardens as a lasting impact of the project.

All activities are free to students. Adult tickets are \$5 at the door for the film and musical. For more information, visit mahoosucarts.org or call us at 890-6386.

Grange Citizen of the Year

Winthrop Grange Announces Citizen of the Year On April 4, Winthrop Grange in Shelburne, N.H., will be awarding their Citizen of the Year Award. This award is presented to an outstanding citizen, not necessarily of Shelburne, but any community. This award recognizes the hard work and dedication this person applies to all that he or she does.

This year the award will be presented to Linsley Chapman of Gilead, not only for her outstanding work as Town Clerk and Treasurer of Gilead, but for her commitment to the Gilead Historical Society which she played a major part in organizing. Congratulations, Lin Chapman for a job well done.

Winthrop Grange invites anyone who knows Lin to come and help her celebrate. The meeting will be on April 4 at 7 p.m. at the Shelburne, N.H., Town Hall. If anyone wants to send her a letter of congratulations, please mail it to Mary Tyler, 20 Bridge Street, Gilead, ME 04217. She will read them at the meeting and give them to Lin.

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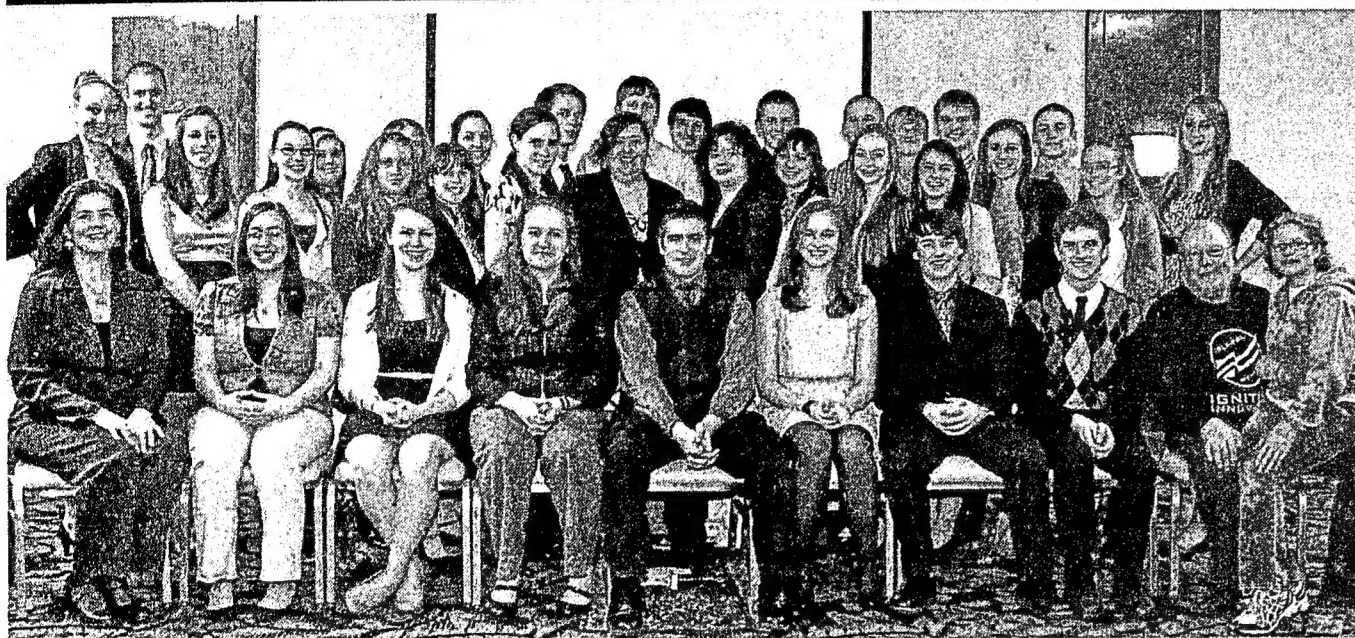
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CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



All third graders at Crescent Park School participated in our "Coming to America" simulation. They had their baggage checked, a medical check, interview, information station, and some were sent to deportation for further examination. They all passed the citizenship test and became Americans.

TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL



The Future Business Leaders of America from Telstar High School participated in the Maine State Leadership Conference in South Portland in March. Thirty-four students attended the event. They all took part in business related testing, business workshops, leadership sessions, spirit activities, and had a motivational speaker. Many of the Telstar F.B.L.A students received awards for business, communication, and computer skill testing. The entire chapter placed 3rd in the Spirit Stick event. Pictured are: Front: Advisor Jennifer Bennett, Tabby Corriveau, Samantha Malory, Anna Tyrina, Rick James, Anneliese Smith, Liam Gallagher, Nick Johnson, Chaperones Tom and Chris Coolidge. 2nd Row: Maisey Griffin, Allysa Brands, Kitty Coolidge, Andra Risko, Maureen Glover, Gabi Stone, Samantha Corriveau, Jessica Casey, Aislinn Forbes, Maddie Prentice, Ana Harren, Becca Howard, Carla Boyle-Wight, Anna Saucier. 3rd Row: Kevin Annis, Kristen Jackson, Tyra Howes, Annalise Hawthorne, Greg Wheeler, Aaron Speakman, Eric Lowell, Bronson Dean, Nik Conrad, Caleb Wilday, Austin Ryerson, Maverick Griffin.

A Telstar High School student is among 20 student artists who will have an audience of more than 72,000 students and teachers for their artwork this fall. The students, from across Maine, will have their artwork displayed on the Maine Learning Technology Initiative devices for the 2013-14 school year. The local entry is "Sights of the Sea," by TMS sophomore Nicholas Johnson. More than 290 Maine students submitted images to be considered. Students and teachers voted on their favorites, and two of the 20 featured works were the top vote-getters. An independent panel of three judges selected the other 18 pieces. The challenge is an annual affair that has attracted entries from more than 1,200 students during its five-year history. The winning students will receive free registration to attend the 2013 MLTI Student Conference on May 16 at the University of Maine in Orono. Their artwork can be seen at <http://www.maine.gov/mlti/about/photos.shtml>.

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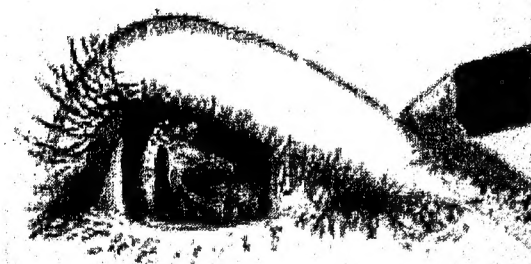


In the month of February the Andover Student Council members worked on a "Pennies for Patients" program to help children with Leukemia and Lymphoma. All 30 AES students collected donations for the entire month. The student council had set a goal of \$200...and if it was reached... student council advisor Dee Nadeau would have her hair painted green by the members. Andover School raised \$225.59. Pictured here are: Dylan Duclos, Perry Morton, Angela Cintron, Mr. Emery, Julia Fowler, Madison Smith, Dee Nadeau & Nyia Dixon

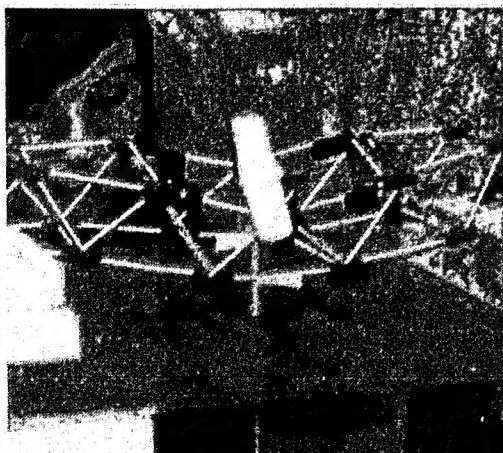
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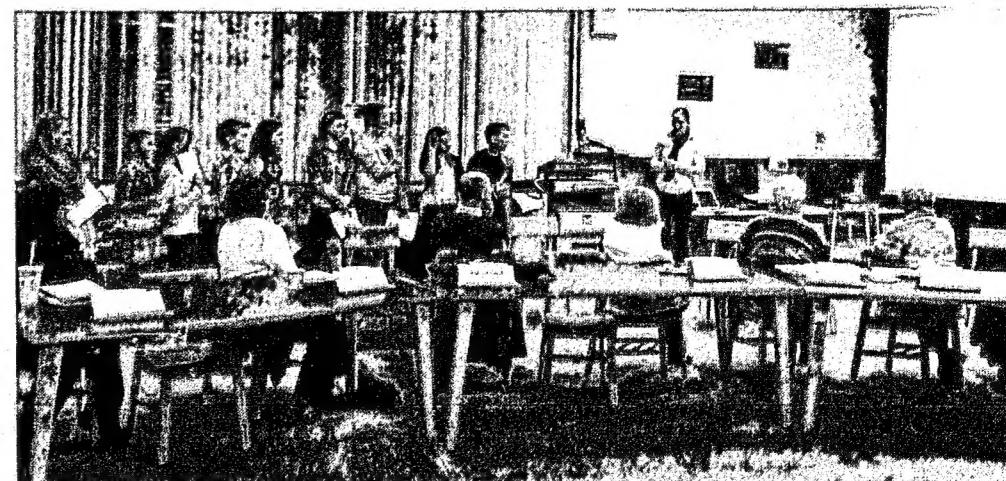
February TMS Super Heroes: 6th Grade: Emily Hanscom, 7th Grade: Maria Rodriguez 8th Grade: Elijah Laird



The recent 6th Grade Science Fair held at TMS.



TMS Sixth Graders having fun with toothpick bridges in Mrs. Slattery's Science class.



On March 11 10 students involved in the GOT Farms service-learning project gave a presentation to the SAD 44 school board about the group's recent efforts. Students shared information and pictures related to the school garden, the renovated greenhouse, the gourd house, summer garden volunteers, culinary arts workshops, and local food advocacy. This presentation was the first step to gain official SAD 44 extra-curricular status for GOT Farms. The feedback from school board members was extremely positive, and the students received many compliments for their excellent work. To learn more about GOT Farms, visit their website: www.gotfarms.wordpress.com

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Community Calendar

Thursday, March 28

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Worksite Wellness Roundtable**, Oxford Federal Credit Union Community Room, 225 River Road, Mexico. River Valley Healthy Community Coalition will share updates on healthy worksite initiatives they are involved with this year. This is a chance to hear the latest wellness ideas, the science behind them, and share concerns or challenges worksites may face.

12 p.m. – **Maundy Thursday Service**, United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel. A soup and bread lunch will be followed by communion and a short service. All are welcome.

3 to 7 p.m. – **Parent/Teacher Conferences**, Andover Elementary School.

6:30 p.m. – “Queen of the Sun: What are the bees telling us?” A film presentation at Gould Academy’s Bingham Auditorium, 45 Church Street. A “Bethel Bee Week” event, sponsored by the Mahoosuc Arts Council. Students/free, adults/\$5 suggested donation. FMI: 890-6386.

Friday, March 29

6 to 8 p.m. – **Crescent Park BEE-EXPO**, Crescent Park School, 19 Crescent Lane. Live bee and informational exhibits, bee products by local farms, and how-to info. A “Bethel Bee Week” event, sponsored by the Mahoosuc Arts Council. Students/free, adults/\$5 suggested donation. FMI: 890-6386.

6:30 p.m. – “To Bee or Not to Bee,” a musical presentation at Crescent Park School, 19 Crescent Lane. A “Bethel Bee Week” event, sponsored by the Mahoosuc Arts Council. Students/free, adults/\$5 suggested donation. FMI: 890-6386.

7 p.m. – **Calvary Bible/Pleasant Valley Good Friday Service**, West Bethel Pleasant Valley Church.

7 p.m. – **Good Friday Service**, First Congregational Church, Andover. Featuring the last seven words from the cross and Stations of the Cross.

Saturday, March 30

9 a.m. – **Easter Egg Hunt**, Mills Market, Andover. Children ages pre-school through grade six are eligible to participate. Donation jars to support this project can be found in the Little Red Hen restaurant and the Andover General Store.

9 a.m. – **Easter Egg Hunt**, West Paris Library. Open to toddlers through first graders. A basket will be provided for egg collection. Children will receive a gift in addition to eggs found during the hunt. The lucky finder of one marked egg will receive a special prize. Festivities will conclude with a story and craft. Children must be accompanied by an adult. FMI: 674-2004.

2 p.m. – **Reaching Out for Liberty and Light: The Life of Frances Payne Bolton** presented by the Bethel Historical Society in celebration of Women’s History Month. Frances Payne Bolton is recognized today as an outstanding and influential politician, humanitarian, philanthropist, and patriot. Bethel Historical Society Executive Director Emeritus, Stanley R. Howe, will introduce the film at the Dr. Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street).

3 to 4 p.m. – **Easter Egg Hunt**, Waterford Library. Open to Waterford and Harrison children elementary school age and under. Refreshments will be available, and there will be an opportunity to complete a crafts project. Books will be given as prizes for participants.

7 to 10 p.m. – **Jones Dance Band**, South Paris Legion Hall. Admission: \$5.

Sunday, March 31

6:30 a.m. – **Sunrise Easter Service and Breakfast**, First Congregational Church, Andover.

6:30 a.m. – **Sunrise Easter Service**, Keoka Lake town beach, Waterford. The sunrise service will be a joint celebration

with the Oxford County United Parish churches followed by Easter breakfast at the Wilkins House. Easter Sunday worship service will be held at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Church.

Sunrise Easter Service and Breakfast, Locke’s Mills Union Church. Regular 9 a.m. service and special music following. All are welcome.

7:30 a.m. – **Sunrise Easter Service and Breakfast**, Calvary Bible Church, Andover.

8 to 11 a.m. – **Upton Ladies Aid Breakfast**, Ladies Aid building, Mill Hill. Donations are appreciated.

Monday, April 1

6 to 7:30 p.m. – **Telstar Middle School PTA Meeting**, Telstar library.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Socrates Café Gathering**, Waterford Library. The group offers a forum to discuss current topics and ideas in a warm, friendly atmosphere where divergent views are welcome. April’s topic will be, “Laughter: The Best Medicine?” Moderator: Joanne Morse. FMI: 582-6957 or wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Tuesday, April 2

7 p.m. – **Syncopeation – Vocal Jazz Quartet**, 45 Church Street, Bethel. Modern vocal quartet that centers its focus on jazz. The group recently won the 24th Annual Boston Harmony Sweepstakes a Cappella Festival Award. Tickets: \$5/advance, \$7/door. FMI/reservations: 890-6386.

Wednesday, April 3

3 to 7 p.m. – **Parent/Teacher Conferences**, Andover Elementary School.

Thursday, April 4

2 to 7 p.m. – **Red Cross Blood Drive**, Maine Veterans’ Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments call 743-6300 or 1-800-RED-CROSS. All presenting donors in April will receive a coupon for a free regular 6-inch sub at any participating Subway restaurant.

6 to 7 p.m. – **Woodstock PTA Meeting**, Woodstock Elementary School.

Friday, April 5

5 p.m. – **Holy Savior School Benefit Auction**, American Legion, Rumford. Items up for auction include Sea Dogs tickets, an American Girl doll, a Keurig coffee maker, dance lessons, jewelry, and more. Individuals and businesses interested in contributing may contact Sue Adley (364-4919), Judy Collette (364-5157), or Holy Savior School (364-2528).

7 to 10 p.m. – **Telstar Middle School Fancy Dance**, Telstar cafeteria. Open to grades 6-8.

8 p.m. – **Concert with Indie Folk Artist, Dave Dersham**, Sunday River Inn, 23 Skiway Road, Newry. Dave has been playing the New England folk scene since 1996. He has released two CDs, both of which were released and celebrated at Harvard Square’s legendary fold venue, Club Passim. \$18/advance, \$20/door. FMI/tickets: 824-2410 or www.sundayriverinnmaine.com.

Saturday, April 6

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Oxford County Communications Training Conference**, Lovell Fire Department, 3 Hatch Hill Road. Open to all first responders (fire, law, and EMS personnel) and dispatchers throughout Maine and New Hampshire. Keynote speaker, Chief John Oates of the East Hartford Fire Department in Connecticut. Topics covered to include effectively dealing with potentially violent situations, communications and response in large scale incidents, and crime scene protocol. Free to attend and includes a pot roast dinner and door prizes. FMI/Registration: Geoff Inman (743-9554 ext. 109) or (ginman@oxfordcounty.org).

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools;

call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.- Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.—Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

First and Third Thursdays of month, 6 p.m.; Bethel Dog Park Committee meets at Mahoosuc Land Trust building. In case of inclement weather, call 836-2100.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; **fourth Thursday**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Upton

Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. -Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts at the

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **American Legion Post 72 Yard Sale**, Church Street, South Paris. The lunch counter will be open and 50/50 tickets will be available.

10 a.m. – **Family Waterfall Adventure**. Meet at Mahoosuc Land Trust off Route 2 to carpool to Grafton Notch and explore the waterfalls.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Benefit for Judy Buck Lamontagne**, West Bethel Grange Hall. Judy had a stroke in December and the funds will help with much-needed expenses. Potluck dinner, door prizes, and a Chinese auction. Adults/\$5, children/\$2.50. FMI: Maryvonne (836-2330) or Sheila (364-4123).

6 p.m. – **Snow Valley Sno-Goers Potluck Supper/Annual Meeting**. All club members and interested people are invited to attend. Potluck supper begins at 6 p.m. followed by a meeting and election of officers at 7 p.m.

Monday, April 8

6 to 7 p.m. – **Andover PTA Meeting**, Andover Elementary School.

Wednesday, April 10

6 p.m. – **CPS Art Show/K-3 Concert**, Crescent Park School. Artistic creations made by CPS students will be on display throughout the school and grades K-3 will have their spring concert in the gym.

Thursday, April 11

2 p.m. – **MANDALA Art with Jennifer Locke**, Whitman Memorial Library. Ms. Locke will be talking about her MANDALA artwork, currently on display at the library, and giving a hands-on lesson on this circular art form. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

4:30 to 6 p.m. – **Good Mind: Good Mood**, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Panelists Lynn Arizzi, Janet Willie, Cathi DiCocoa, and Ellen Crocker will offer concrete ways of living with the glass half-full. Sponsored by To Your Health of WMSC. Free and open to the public. FMI: Rosabelle Tift (824-2053).

Friday, April 12

5:30 to 7 p.m. – “Let the Dough Fly” **Norway Arts Festival Kick-off Dinner**, Unitarian Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Menu: Pasta with homemade sauce (meat or vegetarian), focaccia, salad, and dessert. Tickets are on sale at Books N Things. \$10, children under 10 accompanied by an adult eat free. Proceeds to benefit Norway Arts Festival.

6 p.m. – **Dinner and a Movie**, First Congregational Church, Andover. Meal and desserts provided, followed by a showing of “The Letter Writer.” Donations accepted to defray expenses.

Saturday, April 13

1 p.m. – **Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop**, Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Topics will be getting bees ready for spring and problems with disease. Speaker will be Maine State Bee Inspector, Tony Jadcak. All are welcome. FMI: John (743-5009) or Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.com).

2 to 4:30 p.m. – **Annual History Symposium**, Bethel Historical Society, 10-14 Broad Street. The symposium will explore how the Civil War is taught in secondary schools. Commentary will be provided by area history teachers. Keynote speaker: Author and historian, Thomas A. Desjardin. Free and open to the public.

4 p.m. – **Auction**, Andover Town Hall. Proceeds to support the Kevin Hughes family.

7 p.m. – **Concert with Peter Coolidge and Friends**, Andover Town Hall, Tickets: \$10. Proceeds to support the Kevin Hughes family.

Ladies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cost: Donation.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women’s Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/ WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

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Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men’s Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional,

or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS’ SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans’ Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans’ Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT

An Alzheimer’s Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6PM to 7:30PM at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

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Music Series at SRI

Duane Bond, of the Sunday River Inn, has invited Dave Dersham, a former Educator at the Stone Environmental Schools - which Duane founded and directed for 13 of his 33 years in environmental education - to kick off a series of concerts at the Sunday River Inn. The concert starts at 8 p.m., Friday, April 5.

The Inn provides comfortable and affordable lodging as well as access to both x-country and downhill skiing. The rustic and historic confines of this space also provide a compatibility with acoustic music. The Sunday River Inn plans on presenting a wide range of performers in the acoustic and folk genres.

Dave Dersham is based in Northampton, Mass., a town rich with an artistic and musical tradition, and has been playing the New England regional folk scene since 1996. Additionally, he has traveled throughout the West Coast

and Texas to continue the sharing of his music. More locally, Dave has played Northampton's coveted Iron Horse numerous times - most recently as a winner of the Collective Music Group's Benefit Concert - showcasing the talents of Western Massachusetts.

Dave has pressed two CDs, both of which were released and celebrated at Harvard Square's legendary folk venue, Club Passim in Cambridge, Mass. His first CD, "The Burn of Summer," was nationally recognized through Mountain Stage's emerging artist competition in West Virginia. This album also enjoyed regular airtime on Folk Radio's WUMB in Boston, Mass. His most recent CD, "Gilding the Lilies," is being promoted nationally.

For more information, or to purchase tickets in advance, contact the Sunday River Inn at (207) 824-2410. Advance tickets can also be purchased online at www.sundayriverinnmaine.com. Tickets at the door will also be available.



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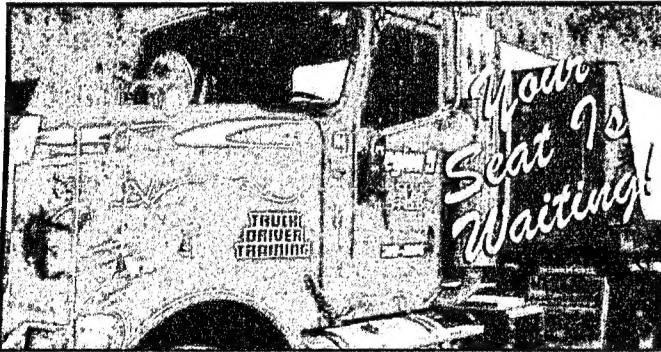
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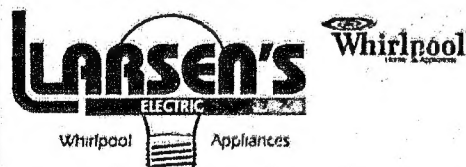
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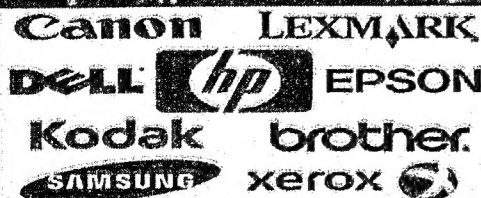
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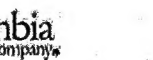
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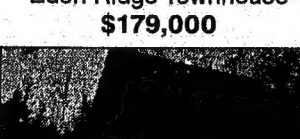
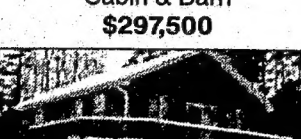

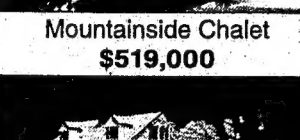
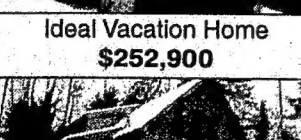
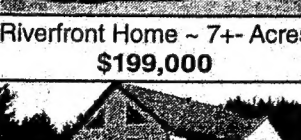
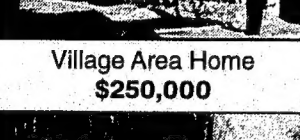
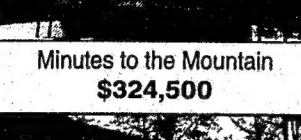
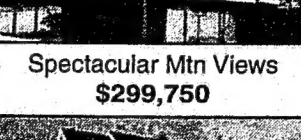
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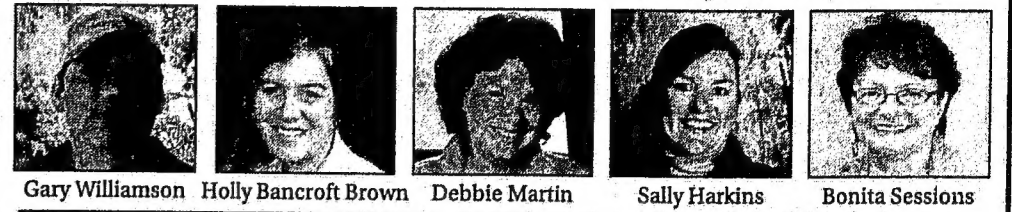
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Obituaries



ARNOLD G. WARNER

Arnold Gregory Warner, 81, of Grover Hill Road, Bethel, longtime resident of Hancock Street, Rumford, passed away on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at Togus.

He was born in Rumford, on Sept. 25, 1931, a son of John and Helen (Shea) Warner. Arnold was a caring dad, grandpa and husband, who died after a brief illness in the VA hospital in Togus.

One of the finest paper makers, Arnold worked three shifts, making coated paper for magazines for over 40 years. He passed that knowledge on to those working in the paper mill today.

A Korean war veteran, Oxie League softball player and one of the founding members of the Rumford/Mexico Horseshoe League, Arnold stayed active his whole life, turning to golf in his later years at Oakdale CC.

He was a member of the VFW, the American Legion and the Elks, and a big supporter of the Holy Savior Church.

A Red Sox, Celtic and Giant fan, he was always ready to talk sports and throw a five down on the Giants. Cribbage and crosswords were also passions of his.

People admired his perfectly trimmed lawn and home on Hancock Street, where he resided most of his life.

The family would like to thank the staff at the VA Hospital in Togus for the excellent care he received during his stay there.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly, of Bethel; sons, Daniel of Rumford Center, Gregory and wife Colleen of Bethel; daughter, Susan Berry and husband Dave of Bethel; grandchildren, Katie Hall and Luke Davis of Bethel, Matt Bellegarde of Rumford, Tyler and Colbath Warner of Cutler; four great-grandchildren; sister, Anna Justard of Rumford; brother, Tom Warner of Mexico; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Wilfred and John; and special friend, Sally Childs.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, March 26, at Parish of the Holy Savior. Spring interment will be in St. John Cemetery. If so desired, contributions in Arnold's memory may be made to Parish of the Holy Savior, 126 Maine Avenue, Rumford.

You are invited to share your thoughts, condolences and fond memories with the Warner family by visiting their guest book at www.SGThibaultFuneralHome.com.

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New books at Bethel Library

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Adult Fiction: "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin, "Grange House" by Sarah Blake, "Shadow on the Crown" by Patricia Bracewell, "Spilt Milk" by Chico Buarque, "A Land More Kind Than Home" by Wiley Cash, "The House Girl" by Tara Conklin, "Harvest: A Novel" by Jim Crace, "The Fellowship for Alien Detection" by Kevin Emerson, "Arsenic and Old Puzzles: A Puzzle Lady Mystery" by Parnell Hall, "Great North Road" by Peter F. Hamilton, "If Hooks Could Kill: A Crochet Mystery" by Betty Hechtman, "Calling Me Home" by Julie Kibler, "Climates" by Andre Maurois, "Easter Bunny Murder" by Leslie Meier, "The Name of the Wind: The Kingkiller Chronicle Day One" by Patrick Rothfuss, "A Study in Revenge" by Kieran Shields, and "Autobiography of Us: A Novel" by Aria Beth Sloss.

Adult Nonfiction: "City of a Hundred Fires" by Richard Blanco, "A Free Man: A True Story of Life and Death in Delhi" by Aman Sethi, and "Revolution: The Year I Fell in Love and Went to Join the War" by Deb Olin Unferth. Junior: "Game Changers Book 1" by Mike Lupica, "Playmakers (The Game Changers Book 2)" by Mike Lupica, and "Courage Has No Color, The Story of the Triple Nickles: America's First Black Paratroopers" by Tanya Lee Stone.

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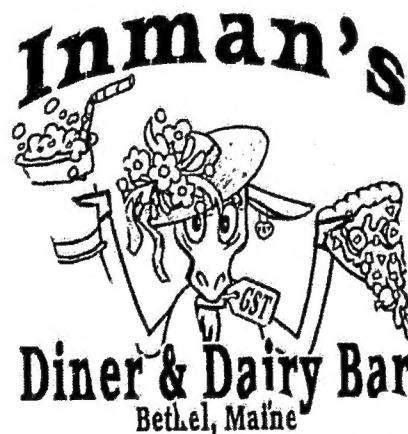
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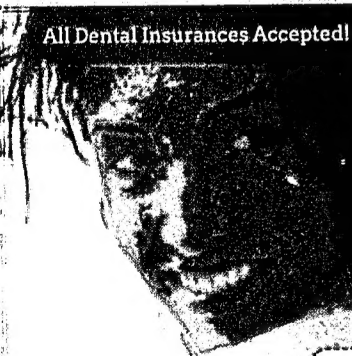
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